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Request:

1. How many individuals received outpatient treatment for an eating disorder in your trust in the years a) 2012, b) 2013, c) 2014 and d) 2015 so far?
2. For each year, what was the average waiting time from referral to first appointment for outpatient treatment for an eating disorder?
3. For each year, what was the maximum waiting time from referral to first appointment for outpatient treatment for an eating disorder (excluding patient cancellations)?
4. For each year, how many individuals received their first appointment within the following time after referral (excluding patient cancellations):
 - a) Up to 18 weeks?
 - b) Over 18 weeks, up to 26 weeks?
 - c) Over 26 weeks, up to 52 weeks?
 - d) Over 1 year?

Response:

I can confirm that the Trust holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, current circumstances are that due to new computer systems being implemented identifying the data would take over 18 hours, as it would need to be a manual review. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. The appropriate limit has been specified for central public authorities at £450. This represents the estimated costs of one person spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the authority is not obliged to comply with a request where the appropriate limit is exceeded.

We anticipate that this situation will be remedied by the end of the year so may we suggest that you reapply in January if you still require the information.