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Request:

1. How many patients with suspected mental health issues were referred from the A&E department for treatment within Norfolk and Suffolk's hospitals over the last three years?
 - Could you break down the figures into the following categories:
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2013
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2013 – 30th September 2014
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2013
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2013 – 30th September 2014
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015
2. Could you further break down those figures, to include the suspected mental health issue e.g. depression, suicide attempt; as well as how many people then needed treatment under Sections 2, 3, 4 or 5 the Mental Health Act 2007.
 - I'd like those figures to be again divided into the following categories.
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2013
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2013 – 30th September 2014
 - In Norfolk hospitals from 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2013
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2013 – 30th September 2014
 - In Suffolk hospitals from 1st October 2014 – 30th September 2015

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.