

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide me with:

1. The top 10 longest recorded periods of seclusion of a patient in secure mental health units, over the last 12 months.

Seclusion commencement Date	Duration (Minutes)
15.12.2021	114300
11.12.2021	84910
21.03.2022	57855
17.03.2022	54750
12.12.2021	48000
02.01.2022	47220
04.01.2022	46115
22.11.2021	45368
03.06.2022	40650
10.08.2022	28325

The safety and care of our patients is our number one priority. On occasion a patient will need to be removed from a general ward area for theirs or others protection and this is always carried out for as short a period of time as possible. When a patient is moved from the general ward area they are continuously monitored and supported by our clinicians to ensure that their condition can be stabilised and improved to allow them to resume normal activities on the ward and progress to discharge to the community. Essex Partnership University NHS Trust also provides specialist forensic services which can on occasion mean that a patient is secluded from a main ward while they await transfer to a suitable secure bed.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request.

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