

Freedom of Information Request – 4002

Please provide the following information for your organisation for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive).

1. Mental health presentations to A&E / Emergency Department

1. Total number of mental health–related A&E attendances

The total number of people who presented to A&E / ED with a mental health–related complaint, regardless of outcome, using your routine coding definitions (e.g. presenting complaint, diagnosis, or mental health liaison referral).

2022- 1431

2023- 1616

2024- 1668

2025- 1647

Please briefly state the definition or coding framework used.

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2. Waiting for an inpatient psychiatric bed

2. Number of people who waited for a psychiatric bed

The total number of people who were:

- in A&E / ED, or

2022- 283

2023- 295

2024- 302

2025- 268

- on a non-psychiatric inpatient ward (e.g. medical or surgical ward), in specialist hospital

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who were assessed as needing admission or transfer to an inpatient psychiatric bed (of any type) and had to wait for a psychiatric bed to become available.

3. Waiting time for psychiatric beds

For the group above, please provide either:

- the total cumulative number of hours spent waiting from the decision to admit/transfer to a psychiatric bed until your routine endpoint (e.g. admission, decision that admission was no longer required, discharge, or leaving the department), or,

Please see below

- if cumulative hours are not held, the average (mean) waiting time, and please state the unit used (hours).

2022 – 17 hours

2023 – 15 hours

2024 – 17 hours

2025 – 18 hours

Please briefly describe:

- the start point used for measuring the wait (e.g. decision to admit, referral), *Triage Date*
- and the endpoint used.

Discharge Date

3. Breakdown (if readily available and within cost limits)

- If possible, please provide the above figures broken down by year.
- If monthly breakdowns for January–December 2025 are readily available, please include these.
- Please indicate whether an age-group breakdown (e.g. adults, older adults, CAMHS) is available, but only if this can be provided within the usual FOI cost and time limits.

Q1

The total number of people who presented to A&E / ED with a mental health–related complaint, regardless of outcome, using your routine coding definitions (e.g. presenting complaint, diagnosis, or mental health liaison referral).

Arrival Month	Total Patients
January	134
February	127
March	118
April	111
May	154
June	145
July	177
August	129
September	147
October	143
November	140
December	122

Q2 & Q3

The total number of people who were assessed as needing admission or transfer to an inpatient psychiatric bed (of any type) and had to wait for a psychiatric bed to become available:
If cumulative hours are not held, the average (mean) waiting time, and please state the unit used (hours).

Arrival Month	Total Patients	Average Stay Hours
January	22	17
February	24	16
March	21	15
April	16	12
May	26	13
June	33	23
July	16	8
August	24	22
September	19	28
October	25	24
November	28	18
December	14	17

If the information is not held in the exact form requested, please provide the closest available data and briefly explain any differences.
I would be grateful if the information could be provided in an electronic format (e.g. Excel or CSV).
If this request is likely to exceed the appropriate cost limit, please advise how it could be refined or prioritised to fall within the limit.