

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Our ref: NIC-179431-K5Q7F

Dear Brian Tanning,

**Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000**

Thank you for your email dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 requesting the following information:

*“Please provide the Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Surveys from 1993 to 2014.  
I am looking for UK or Great Britain based data, but if only England or England and Wales is  
available, then please provide that instead.”*

We have considered your request and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that we do hold some of the information that you have requested.

The Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey (APMS) are a series of surveys.

The first two in the series: APMS 1993 and 2000 were carried out by the Office for National Statistics, and covered England, Scotland and Wales.

The 2007 and 2014 surveys were carried out by Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) on behalf of Department of Health and cover England only.

The 1993 dataset is archived in the UK Data Service:

<https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/catalogue/?sn=3560&type=Data%20catalogue>

The report may be available from the Office of National Statistics. Details of how they can be contacted can be found here:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/aboutus/transparencyandgovernance/freedomofinformationfoi>

The 2000 report and dataset are available in the UK Data Service, the report is here:

<http://doc.ukdataservice.ac.uk/doc/4653/mrdoc/pdf/4653userguide2.pdf>

The dataset here:

<https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/catalogue/?sn=4653&type=Data%20catalogue#documentation>

The 2007 report is available on the NHS Digital website:

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/psychiatricmorbidity07>

The 2007 dataset is available in the UK Data Service:

<http://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/catalogue/?sn=6379&type=Data%20catalogue>

The 2014 report is available on the NHS Digital website:

<http://content.digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB21748>

The 2014 dataset is archived, however users are required to request access to the dataset via the NHS Digital on-line DARS system (further information on DARS is below and in attached document).

The APMS 2014 survey dataset is now available for further research via the on-line DARS portal (Data Access Request Service).

If you have not used the DARS online service before - please contact us using the online form here: <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/article/6905/Contact-NHS-Digital> and we will be happy help you set up an online account.

If you have previously applied for data through the DARS online service - you can log in using the following link: <https://dataaccessrequest.hscic.gov.uk/> and select the 'Create new application' menu from the home page.

Guidance on the completion of the application form can be found on our website here: <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/article/6888/DARS-Process>. Guidance is also available throughout the form.

Additional information is in the attached document.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide the information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible via other means. This exemption applies because the information you have requested may be available via the NHS Digital Data Access Request Service (DARS). This is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS Digital website.

I trust you are satisfied with our response to your request for information. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) email address or by post at the above postal address.

Your request to NHS Digital will now be closed on our internal CRM (customer relationship management) system.

Yours sincerely,

**Joseph Matthews**  
**Information Governance Advisor**

Further information about your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and on The Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

NHS Digital values customer feedback and would appreciate a moment of your time to respond to our Freedom of Information (FOI) Survey to let us know about your experience. Please access the survey through this link [here](#)

