

23rd May 2018

Ms. Alison Stevens
request-477703-c2ba39be@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms. Stevens,

Further to your request for information received on 16/04/2018 and allocated reference number Fol-2018-4022 please find below our response to your question(s). Please accept my apologies on behalf of the Trust for the delay in responding to this request.

Questions and Responses

1.How many Children based as in Patients have been referred to Social Services with regards to section 47 Child Protection issues within the past 24 calendar month's?

[Between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 – 36 section 47 referrals have been submitted to Children's Social Care.](#)

2.How many Children have been removed from the Hospital wards on a Emergency Protection Order in the past 24 month's?

[Please be advised this information is not recorded centrally. However, the Trust's Safeguarding Team are not aware of any incidents that fit the above description.](#)

3.How many Children Children have been removed from the wards on an Emergency Protection Order without the Parents prior knowledge please give statistics for the past 12 calendar month's?

[Please be advised this information is not recorded centrally. However, the Trust's Safeguarding Team are not aware of any incidents that fit the above description.](#)

4.How many children have been removed directly from a ward on a Police protection order within the past 12 calendar month's?

[Please be advised this information is not recorded centrally. However, the Trust's Safeguarding Team are not aware of any incidents that fit the above description.](#)

5.Can you please provide me with a copy of the Hospitals Child protection policy please?
[Please see attached.](#)

6.How many Parents have self discharged their children from the Hospital wards in the past 12 calendar months?

[April 17 to March 18 – 62.](#)

And of these cases how many Children were referred to Social Service's?

[Your request for information has been considered. Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust cannot supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.](#)

[Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(FOIA\) requires Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, when refusing to provide such information \(because the information is exempt\) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:](#)

- (a) States the fact
- (b) Specifies the exemption in questions and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies

The following exemption applies to the information requested:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the FOIA. This is because the release of personal information would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 1998.

I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

However due to the small number of patients the response applies to, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust has declined to provide the exact number of children as the data is potentially patient-identifiable. It is therefore exempt under 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are also withholding the small figures requested to comply with the guidance published by The National Office for Statistics; per not disclosing any health statistics that fall on or under the figure 5.

If you have any queries about this response or wish to discuss your request further please contact the Information Governance team.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you are entitled, under the Freedom of Information Act to request an internal review.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Team

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