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Reference: 2013-122

Dear Ms Westbrook,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on the 7th May 2013, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

Thank you for your request into the organisation, please find the responses to your query below:

1. I understand that a new Crisis House is to be / has opened in the grounds of St Pancras Hospital

This is correct it is planned to be opened in October 2013.

2. How many beds in total and how many are male/female and is this ratio intended to be variable;

There will be 6 bed and mixed gender considering needs.

3. Can this only be accessed via a Trust professional or can an individual or GP refer;

We will accept self-referrals; all others will need to go through the Camden Crisis team.

4. Is it intended that this Crisis House is only for south Camden residents and now Daleham Gardens Crisis House will only be available for North Camden residents;

Both Daleham and south Camden Crisis house will accept referrals for Camden residents so clients will be able to choose depending on availability.

5. Who owns the actual building the Crisis House is located in?

Camden & Islington Foundation Trust

6. How is it now or intended to be registered - ie ward, nursing home etc?

It will be considered a community setting.

7. Do/will s5 holding powers under the Mental Health Act extend to the Crisis House as they do on a hospital ward. Please note that this is not a question about the ethos it is a request for clarification of legal status.

As it is a community setting, the house will have no legal rights under the mental Health Act to detain clients

8. Finally please would it be possible to have a copy of the operational policy and please can you tell me when information regarding this particular Crisis House will be on your website so that the information is accessible.

The Operational Policy is in draft form and is still having adjustments made to it and is yet to be approved by the trust, once it is available it will be made available on the Trust publication scheme the website. The publication scheme is also being updated and this should be complete within the next couple of months.

Section 22 of the FOI Act provides an exemption from the duty to provide information if the information in question is intended for future publication.

A Public Interest Test has been carried out, which has confirmed the public interest in maintaining the Section 22 exemption (Information intended for future publication) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. As you may be aware, I am obliged to inform you that this section of the letter is a Refusal Notice in accordance with Section 17 of the FOI Act.

I hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

Further information about your rights, is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours Sincerely

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