

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Response

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Dear Caron Ryalls

File Reference: 15FOI553
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I refer to your email received 01/12/2015 in which you requested information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

For organisational context: Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. We employ over 6,000 staff working in 350 different roles within the Trust. We offer a full range of general hospital services to around 450,000 people in Plymouth, North and East Cornwall and South and West Devon. These include emergency and trauma services, maternity services, paediatrics and a full range of diagnostic, medical and surgical sub-specialties.

We work within a network of other hospitals to offer a range of specialist services to a population of between 700,000 and two million depending on the type of care needed.

“Contact us” details are available on the website [here](#)

You asked

Please provide the following data split by gender and year for each type of referral listed.

Reply introduction

PHNT - Referrals and Outpatient Attendances - Jan 1st 2000 to Nov 30th 2015* due to real time recording.

Please note that as the referrals figures include all referrals irrespective of whether they are consultant or non-consultant led, internal, self-referrals, etc.

Likewise, with the outpatient attendances – this includes everyone irrespective of whether the clinic they attended was consultant led / nurse led or whether the appointment was new or a follow up.

We have for question 4 stated that some data was incomplete. This reflects the fact that in the years specified it was not a requirement to record it and the data held included other criteria. This means any figures held are unreliable for reporting.

1. Number of referrals to all specialties at PHNT

Year	Total Number Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	119,657	158,270	194,872
2001	128,242	164,079	197,578
2002	129,910	168,161	200,178
2003	131,019	176,817	208,806
2004	137,656	187,282	220,198
2005	142,204	190,454	220,984
2006	162,334	211,517	241,907
2007	188,925	246,614	276,748
2008	209,360	261,056	303,202
2009	216,625	260,572	308,047
2010	209,657	255,011	303,249
2011	198,878	250,294	311,725
2012	205,260	258,831	361,912
2013	211,533	269,214	358,902
2014	213,355	277,908	369,560
2015*	190,192	251,139	315,849

2. Number of referrals to Cardiology specialty at PHNT

Year	Total Number Cardiology Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
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2000	4615	8947	6883
2001	6680	10,340	8004
2002	4462	10,481	7526
2003	3758	10,336	7795
2004	4031	9723	7814
2005	4018	10,027	8002
2006	3959	11,106	8784
2007	3783	12,345	9694
2008	4714	12,444	9681
2009	5144	10,004	7291
2010	4743	9668	6734
2011	4951	9816	6980
2012	5269	10,456	7185
2013	5207	10,159	7197
2014	5444	9774	7015
2015*	3901	8635	6341

3. Number of referrals to Neurology specialty at PHNT

Year	Total Number Neurology Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	2012	1900	2237
2001	2051	1898	2242
2002	2327	1837	2152
2003	2469	2001	2484
2004	2765	2553	3032
2005	2855	3023	3487
2006	3463	3184	3893
2007	3563	3025	3811
2008	4071	3678	4675
2009	4178	4131	5069
2010	3877	4498	5603
2011	3358	4019	5366
2012	3219	4304	5838
2013	3653	4804	6571
2014	3885	4795	6972
2015*	3067	4122	6368

4. Number of referrals to Paediatrics specialty

Paediatrics

Year	Total Number Paediatric Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	3188	6154	5321
2001	3249	6266	5153
2002	3166	6498	5187
2003	3443	8072	6846
2004	3446	8155	6873
2005	3579	8396	6889
2006	3812	9289	7531
2007	4389	14,647	12,230
2008	4293	10,548	10,033
2009	4691	10,015	9799
2010	5197	9663	9407
2011	5414	10,868	10,096
2012	5673	7644	7032
2013	6392	8042	7054
2014	6523	7698	7053
2015*	6217	7020	6319

Community Paediatrics

Year	Total Number Community Paediatric Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2001	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2002	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2003	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2004	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2005	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2006	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2007	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set	Incomplete data set
2008	1462	6106	4061
2009	1577	7251	5136
2010	1498	6628	4513

2011	1574	7205	4310
2012	1716	10,814	7523
2013	2209	12,108	8630
2014	2136	12,784	9091
2015*	1771	11,675	7731

7 Number of referrals to Neuropsychology / Child Psychology / CAMHS specialties at PHNT between April 1st 2014 & March 31st 2015

Neuropsychology

Year	Total Number Neuropsychology Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	Data not held	Data not held	Data not held
2001	Data not held	Data not held	Data not held
2002	Data not held	Data not held	Data not held
2003	Data not held	Data not held	Data not held
2004	Data not held	Data not held	Data not held
2005	35	Data not held	Data not held
2006	128	64	65
2007	195	159	217
2008	239	200	221
2009	231	180	192
2010	212	280	299
2011	323	320	356
2012	373	397	436
2013	349	414	441
2014	362	377	394
2015*	335	334	431

Child Psychology

Year	Total Number Child Psychiatry Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	1130	1840	402
2001	953	1834	598
2002	795	1910	710
2003	400	1610	639

2004	323	1459	680
2005	259	1526	467
2006	338	1835	647
2007	270	2579	722
2008	184	3174	804
2009	127	2117	834
2010	Service not provided from this point - Data not held	-	-
2011	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-
2014	-	-	-
2015*	-	-	-

CAMHS

Year	Total Number CAMHS Referrals	Number of Male Outpatient Attendances	Number of Female Outpatient Attendances
2000	1782	5274	3089
2001	1696	5323	3025
2002	1380	4695	3101
2003	976	5121	2769
2004	888	5513	3461
2005	748	5787	3944
2006	916	5818	4753
2007	531	6284	4477
2008	412	6179	3406
2009	321	4285	2713
2010	Service not provided from this point – Data not held	-	-
2011	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-
2014	-	-	-
2015*	-	-	-

Attachments included: No

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me on ☎ 01752 431058.

As part of our internal quality control review process, we have noted that we did not respond within the timeframe and for this, we apologise. If you wish to take the matter further, please refer to the satisfaction section of this reply letter.

Satisfaction and appeal

Would you kindly note that if you were unhappy with this response then you have the right to complain. This should be in writing to the address below or preferably by email to plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net . We will then arrange for an independent appeal.

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Yours faithfully

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