

Date: **4 March 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5698**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

**Your Request**

- 1) *The total number of cancer patients who have been referred by you to mental health services during their treatment cancer under your services, in each year since 2010.*
- 2) *A breakdown of that total figure into categories for the reason given for the cancer patients' referral, in each year since 2010.*
- 3) *A breakdown of that total figure into categories for the kinds of cancer that referred patients are suffering.*
- 4) *Details on average waiting time that cancer patients have faced while waiting for referral to mental health services each year over the past 10 years.*

**Our Response**

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not centrally record the information requested in the format of categorising cancer groups into each calendar for the period 2010 – 2020 (up to the date we received your request on 05/02/2020). However, we have carried out a search via our Information Services to collate the information requested for Q1 and Q3 only. We cannot respond to your questions Q2 and Q4; because we neither retain a record of referrals made to NHS Mental Health Services; nor record the average waiting times for referral. This would be for the external organisation making the referral in the first instance. Please see our response to your following request for information covering each calendar you have specified:

- 1) *The total number of cancer patients who have been referred by you to mental health services during their treatment cancer under your services, in each year since 2010. **840***

3) A breakdown of that total figure into categories for the kinds of cancer that referred patients are suffering. Please see a breakdown of the information provided in the following table:

Cancer Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Brain/Central Nervous System	18	8	<5**	10	<5**	30	25	48	46	80	10
Colorectal/Upper Gastrointestinal											<5**
Gynaecological									<5		
Haematological	11	7	6	<5**	6	24	31	50	72	117	16
Head and Neck						<5**		<5**		<5**	
Lung							<5**	<5**	<5**	<5**	<5**
Other	<5**	<5**			<5**	<5**	6	9	14	18	7
Sarcoma	<5**				<5**	<5**	<5**	10	10	15	<5**
Skin						<5**					
Upper Gastrointestinal	<5**	<5**				<5**	<5**	<5**	<5**	<5**	<5**
Urological		<5**	<5**		<5**	<5**	<5**	6	10	13	<5**
Total	35	21	12	11	17	66	73	130	161	252	42

**Please note:** Number of patients with a cancer diagnosis (defined using the list of diagnoses included for Cancer Outcomes and Services Dataset) that's been recorded on our systems prior to the patient being referred internally to our CAMHS or Psychological Medicine specialties, where the date that referral was received is since 2010 (i.e. from 1st January 2010 inclusive) where:

- Referred internally is defined as having a referring organisation code that starts RP4 (Great Ormond Street)
- The specialty referred to is 'CAMHS' or 'Psychological Medicine' (Epic) and 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services' or 'Psychological Medicine' (PIMS)
- Taking the earliest diagnosis date and the latest referral date in each year and counted the number of patients having a referral in each year that's later than their diagnosis date

Figures to be shown by year referral received and type of cancer (using the categorisation of site that's in place for Cancer Outcomes and Service Dataset).

**N.B. patients may be counted multiple times if they have multiple diagnoses in different categories and / or if they were referred internally to mental health services in multiple years.**

**Please note: \*\*The Trust is unable to respond to information where there have been fewer than five data subjects (<5) within the context of your request for information. Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 in order to reduce the risk of identifying an individual. The Trust is of the view that in providing this information it would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified. The Trust believes that Section 40(2) of the FOIA is applicable in withholding the information where disclosure could lead to third party individuals being identified that could be considered to be a breach of their rights under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.**

**The Trust also has a duty of confidentiality and holds the view that Section 41(1) of the FOIA where information has been provided in confidence is applicable for the reasons that the information was obtained by the Trust, which has necessary quality of confidence (being neither generally accessible nor trivial) and disclosure of this information to the public would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence under Section 41(1) of the FOIA. A breach of this expectation would have the effect of the information being processed unfairly regarding the personal data and confidentiality relating to third party information. Your request is therefore exempt under both Section 40(2) and Section 40(1) of the FOIA.**

**Please note:**

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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### **Your Rights**

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team  
Great Ormond Street Hospital  
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