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Our reference: FOI DA5306

I am responding to your request for information received 3 April 2024 and clarified on 4 April. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Nimita Parmar
Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request:

Question 1: Between 01.01.19-03.04.24, how many patients have absconded from the John Howard Centre?

Clarification: we would be including those who fail to return as planned as part of our query, as well as those who've left the facility in an unauthorised fashion.

Answer: 53 patients absconded from community leave while being detained at the John Howard Centre between 1 January 2019 and 3 April 2024. This figure includes patients that have absconded from escorted and unescorted planned leave or failed to return from leave as agreed with the service.

Question 2: Of that figure, how many were/are serving sentences for either murder, manslaughter (with or without diminished responsibility) or rape? Please provide a breakdown of these stats by year and sentence.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 40 for the FOI Act states:

(2) This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR.

The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and has the potential for those individuals to be identified. We are therefore unable to provide this information in detail.



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