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Our reference: FOI DA5672

I am responding to your request for information received 24 October 2024. 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,

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

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Request: Please can you give me information relating to the number of patients detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act from 1 January 2021 to 31 September 2024. Please can you provide:

Question 1: The number of new detentions* under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2021 to 31 September 2024. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

***Please note regarding (1) above:** I would like the number of 'new detentions' starting within each month, rather than the total number of 'open detentions' counted within each month. I understand that, as detentions can span a number of months, providing open detentions in the period would be double-counting where detentions span across multiple months. Please could you confirm that you are providing data for new detentions as opposed to open detentions.

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

Section 14(2) of the FOI Act states:

(2) Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

The Trust recently received a duplicate request on 10 October reference DA5641, which is currently being processed and will be published on our website here: <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/information-about-elft/freedom-of-information>. The Trust will therefore not be responding to this request.

Question 2: A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:
-For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'
-For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'
-For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'

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