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Our reference: FOI DA5739

I am responding to your request for information received 21 November 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: <u>www.ico.org.uk</u>

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Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Sunduza

Chair: Eileen Taylor

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking data from your Trust regarding counselling or mental health support provided for issues related to fireworks.

Specifically, I request the following information:

Question 1:

The number of individuals who have received support or counselling related to fireworks (e.g., anxiety, trauma, or phobias triggered by fireworks).

Answer:

The Trust has reviewed question 1 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.

In order to provide the information requested, it would be necessary to access patient records as the information is not held in a searchable format. There is no legal basis to access patient records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information request. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: The data categorised by:

- a) Age
- b) Gender
- c) Year (2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024).
- d) Month
- e) If possible, broken down by condition: Anxiety, Trauma, Depression, PTSD, Phobia, Ligyrophobia (also spelled Ligurophobia or Phonophobia).

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:

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