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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INDEPENDENT SECTOR MENTAL HEALTH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to independent sector admissions.

Question:

1. How many male acute mental health admissions to the independent sector have you had in the last 12 months?
2. Please list the hospitals where these male acute mental health admissions have been placed in the last 12 months?
3. How many female acute mental health admissions to the independent sector have you had in the last 12 months?
4. Please list the hospitals where these female acute mental health admissions have been placed in the last 12 months?
5. How many male PICU admissions to the independent sector have you had in the last 12 months?
6. Please list the hospitals where these male PICU admissions have been placed in the last 12 months?
7. How many female PICU admissions to the independent sector have you had in the last 12 months?
8. Please list the hospitals where these female PICU admissions have been placed in the last 12 months?

Answer:

Zero. There are no such wards in Scotland for us to access and we do not use cross border processes for wards types we can provide in Lothian.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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