

Request Reference: FOI/042/22
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Information requested:

To request the total number of patients as at 01/03/2023.

Also, to request a breakdown of how long each patient has been detained at TSH (eg. the number of patients listed by the year each was admitted to the Hospital.)

Also, to request the average cost per patient for 2021/22.

Updated Response:

The total number of patients on 01 March 2023 was 106.

Calendar Year	Number of patients admitted
1985 – 1989	S38(1)(b)
1990 – 1994	0
1995 – 1999	S38(1)(b)
2000 – 2004	S38(1)(b)
2005 – 2009	5
2010 – 2014	S38(1)(b)
2015	6
2016	5
2017	10
2018	8
2019	8
2020	15
2021	13
2022	27
2023	S38(1)(b)

We have exempted sections of the information because the number of admissions in certain 5-year bands was so low that releasing this information would identify individuals. Similarly, the number of admissions in 2023 is also so low that releasing this information would identify individuals.

We have withheld this information under FOISA section 38(1)(b) – Personal Information, as releasing it would contravene the first data protection principle.

The average cost per patient 2021/22 was £343,622.8, calculated by dividing our total revenue expenditure by the average number of patients for the year.

Original Response:

The total number of patients on 01 March 2023 was 106.

Calendar Year	Number of patients admitted
Prior to 2015	12
2015	6
2016	5
2017	10
2018	8
2019	8
2020	15
2021	13
2022	27
2023	S38(1)(b)

Prior to 2015, there were 12 admissions, however the number of admissions in any given year was so low that releasing this information would identify individuals. Similarly, the number of admissions in 2023 is also so low that releasing this information would identify individuals.

We have withheld this information under FOISA section 38(1)(b) – Personal Information, as releasing it would contravene the first data protection principle.

The average cost per patient 2021/22 was £343,622.8, calculated by dividing our total revenue expenditure by the average number of patients for the year.

Advice and Guidance

Following the publication of our original response, we were asked if we could use 5-year bands to provide more granular information for the 12 admissions prior to 2015. We have updated our response accordingly.

All NHS Scotland patients have the expectation that information provided to an NHS organisation will be kept in confidence by that organisation.

A patient's admission date is recorded in their medical record and is therefore personal information as it is information about an identifiable living individual.

There is high media interest in patients that are treated at the State Hospital which means that there is an array of material already in the public domain that identify patient court appearances, admissions, transfers and discharges, in addition to background media articles, Facebook groups and other online references.

With this wealth of information available to be cross-referenced, patients can generally be jigsaw identified from a key piece of information such as year of admission