

FOI_0320_21/22 – FOI request concerning – Placement of Patients in Inpatient Mental Health Wards

Please be advised that Solent NHS Trust Mental Health Services do not operate any policy or protocol that would direct “foreign nationals” to out of area beds. In addition we have not sent anyone into an out of area placement bed without either a clinical need that could not be met locally or due to ward closure, therefore the answer to all questions is not applicable or 0 when the number is requested.

- 1. When it is not possible for the trust to place mental health patients in beds in services in the area, is it the trust’s policy (formally or informally) to prioritize in-area beds for local residents/nationals and place foreign nationals further afield? If it is the policy, please provide the reasoning behind this policy.**
- 2. Please provide copies of any policies which reference the trust’s placement of foreign nationals in inpatient mental health beds.**
- 3. Please state how many foreign nationals have been placed in out of area beds by the trust in the last three years 2018-21 (please provide a total and a total for each year). Please state how many foreign nationals have been placed in in-area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year).**
- 4. Please state how many nationals have been placed in out of area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year). Please state how many nationals have been placed in in-area beds by the trust in the last three years, 2018-21, (please provide a total and a total for each year).**