

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 2nd June 2025

FOI Ref No 29043

Requested Information:

Further information regarding FOI Ref 28899:

I've heard back from an NHS Trust who shared some information that I just wanted to pass on in case it's helpful:

We use ICD 10 codes for diagnosis, and we identified the codes F63.8 -Other habit and impulse disorders and F63.9 - impulse disorder, unspecified that CBD fits into. We would need to go back to the clinicians to ask which of these service users (if any) have CBD as these codes cover generically other habit and impulse disorders.

In light of this, would it please be possible to revisit questions 1-5?

I also have an additional question that is related to the request. Please find it below.
Thank you!

How many people have been identified as having a behavioural addiction which are partly (or wholly) linked to screen usage e.g gambling, porn or gaming, during the following periods:

- a. 2020/21
- b. 2021/22
- c. 2022/23
- d. 2023/24
- e. 2024/25
- f. 2025-to date

What is the age and gender of those identified above? (For this question, I am not requesting any information that would identify patients).

Response:

As there is no specific ICD-10 code for Compulsive Buying Disorder, we are unable to provide this information. Retrieving the data by manually identifying individuals with the diagnosis under different codes would exceed the cost limit, please see below.

ICD-10 codes do not have the granular detail requested. There is no specific code for behavioural addiction involving screens. Therefore, the information is not held

centrally and retrieving it would require a manual review of patient notes. This would exceed the cost limit, please see below.

Exceeds Cost Limit:

Further to your request for information dated **2nd June 2025**, I can confirm that the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust holds information that falls within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the costs of complying with your request would exceed the cost limit. The cost limit is specified in regulations and for the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust this is set at £450. The cost limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 working hours in determining whether the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust hold the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request, and we will not be processing your request further. **The information you have requested is not held centrally and would therefore require a manual review of patient notes.**

We may be able to assist you if you narrow the scope of your request to diagnoses with a specific code, e.g. F63.8 or F 63.9. Please let us know if this would be acceptable. Any narrowed request received will be treated as a new FOI request and the time limit to respond will not begin until we have received that narrowed request.

I apologise that we are unable to fully assist you in this instance.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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