

Freedom of Information Request - FOI2024/054

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). I'd like to request the following information:

1) How many times 'microdosing' psychedelic substances was included as a reason for hospital admissions in your trust in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

2) How many times the consumption of psychedelic substances in any quantity was included as a reason for hospital admissions in your trust in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

Such substances include but are not limited to:

-Magic Mushrooms (e.g. Psilocybin)

-MDMA

-LSD

-DMT

-Ayahuasca (e.g. Harmaline)

-Salvia

Please break this down by drug, year and patient age.

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

Due to low numbers involved, we can say that for the past 3 years we have had 21 admissions, 19 patients due to psychedelic substances. Of these 21 admissions, 15 were for patients in the age range of 0-16years old. Also, we cannot tell what quantity was taken, and not all patients had ingestion of psychedelic drugs as the primary reason for their admission.

* Please note that the exact number of patients has been withheld, as this relates to a low number. Statistically low information can potentially identify individuals' data, especially due to the rural nature and low population of the county. It would be, in my view, possible to identify them if this data were to be provided to you. The data therefore consists of personal data and as such has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer