

<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>15954</b>
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One of our NHS clients has asked us to undertake a piece of work to gather information regarding MHA assessments across the country. A survey by ADASS in 2017 concluded: "In 2016/17, on average 268 Mental Health Act assessments were carried out per 100,000 population." However, this information is obviously now dated and we'd like to undertake some refreshed benchmarking. We are requesting this information under the FOI Act but please be assured that:

- Individual authorities will not be named in any information we collate for the benefit of our client
  - The information provided will not be used for any commercial purposes or provided to any third-party organisations (other than anonymised data being shared back with participating organisations)
1. The number of MHA assessments arranged and attended by an AMHP in 2022 (we appreciate that some may be arranged, the AMHP (and doctors) may attend but the assessment cannot be completed for a variety of reasons)?
  2. The number of MHA assessments completed in 2022 (ideally broken down by outcome e.g. detention under s2, detention under s3, no detention- referral to CMHT etc)?
  3. The number of MHA assessments arranged and attended by an AMHP in 2023?
  4. The number of MHA assessments completed in 2023 (again, ideally broken down by outcome)?
  5. The number of assessments undertaken in 2023 on out of area individuals (i.e those registered with GPs in other local authority/ICB areas but currently located within your boundaries)?
  6. The number of assessments undertaken in 2023 which were conducted out of area (i.e those involving patients registered with a GP in your local authority/ICB area but currently located in another area)?
  7. Where you commission independent/self-employed AMHPs to undertake MHA assessments what is the standard fee (in 2023) you pay them?
  8. Do you make payment to the (independent/self-employed) AMHP where an assessment cannot be completed (but the AMHP attends the arranged location)? (if so, is this at the same rate?)
  9. Do you make payment for mileage incurred to undertake assessments? If so, what is the rate (in 2023)?
  10. Is this same mileage rate paid to substantive/rota AMHPS as well as independent/self-employed AMHPs? If there is any other information that you believe would help to contextualise the above or provide greater clarity, this would be very gratefully received and will hopefully ensure the resulting output (which we are happy to share with you) will be more useful

**RESPONSE:**

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CTO	29
CTO renewal	*
CTO revocation	20
Informal / voluntary	67
Not detained	90
Not required	72
S2	303
S3	152
S4	*

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CTO	24
CTO renewal	18
CTO revocation	7
Informal / voluntary	62
Not detained	92
Not required	52
S2	289
S3	146

5 & 6. We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: [http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi\\_20043244\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf)

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case. We would only have current address and GP details, not those at time of assessment and to manually collate this data would take us over the recommended 18 hours (approx. 5min per record and 690 records).

7-10. We do not commission any independent or self-employed AMHPs so questions 7-10 are not applicable.