

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019070**
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Department: **Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)**
Title: **S42 safeguarding reports**
Description: **Abuse and neglect of patients under 65 years old in hospital.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

Q1. For each financial year 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018-present, how many S.42 safeguarding reports/enquiries have the local authorities recorded under the Care Act 2014, involving the abuse and neglect of patients under 65 years old with learning disabilities and/or autism, detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 in an NHS or independent sector hospital with a specialism in assessment or medical treatment for persons with learning disabilities and/or autism? Please list the names of the care provider and the number of reports of safeguarding incidents for each.

Q2. In connection to the above, please list the type of safeguarding enquiries/reports (as per below) for each private provider:

- a. Neglect and acts of omission
- b. Emotional/psychological abuse
- c. Physical abuse
- d. Sexual abuse
- e. Medication
- f. Discriminatory abuse
- g. Other type of abuse as recorded by the local authority

Q3. In connection to the above Q1 and Q2, please provide the person alleged to be responsible for the reported safeguarding report/enquiry:

- a. paid employee
- b. other service user
- c. agency staff member
- d. family member or visitor
- e. outside health professional (eg doctor psychiatrist)
- f. other

Q4. In connection to Q1, please provide the number of investigations that concluded during each financial year 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018-present and the number, which resulted in:

- a. non-criminal investigations
- b. criminal investigations

NB. For each of the questions, if some of the hospital settings provide services for both patients over 65 and under, please refer to the ones under 65.

I would like the information to be emailed to me at <REDACTED>, please send it in an Excel format. If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item when you can rather than delay everything until it is all available.

If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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