



Response to Request for Information

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Mental Health Act Assessments

Request:

I would like to request two separate pieces of information for your local authority area under the Freedom of Information Act.

Firstly, could I get how long people (and if possible, how many) are waiting to receive assessments under s(2) and s(3) of the Mental Health Act. These are the assessment which must be conducted within 14 days. I am happy to receive this information under the criteria you store it as, or however most easily presented. If possible, I would like it not only for the past year of records, but since 2010 – or further back if records are held further back.

We respond to assessment requests immediately through our duty system in the daytime, and if it is considered that a MHA assessment is necessary we carry this out as soon as it can be arranged with doctors (the vast majority the same day).

Out of hours the Emergency Duty Team will prioritise based on all referrals, and therefore some MHA assessments may wait until the following day to be carried out.

Secondly, could I get the number of AMHP professionals employed in the local authority area since 2010, or further back if records are held further back.

There are currently 16 AMHPs working for the City of Wolverhampton Council (one AMHP left the Council this month). 13 work in daytime services and 3 in the Emergency Duty Team. There has been a recent recruitment campaign in relation to EDT posts for a further 2 AMHP posts

There is a pool of 8 AMHPs available to carry out sessional work for the Emergency Duty Team. This comprises of 3 AMHPs whose substantive posts are in daytime services, and 5 who work through a recruitment agency.

Since 2010 approximately 14 AMHPs have left the council. These professionals have been replaced, and the number of AMHPs has fluctuated between 15 and 20 over this time.