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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-103
Subject: Mental Health Patients in A&E

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **03/02/2026** where you requested information about **Mental Health Patients in A&E.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
1. How many temporary staff does the trust employ a month specifically to care for mental health patients in A&E or in an acute hospital bed? Please provide a monthly figure for January-December 2025 inclusive. This would include patients with no physical health needs waiting for a mental health inpatient bed in A&E or in an acute bed where they have been admitted for their own safety / to improve A&E flow.	N/A for Bolton NHS Foundation Trust - The Trust do not specifically employ temporary staff to care for mental health patients in A & E or the ward areas.
2. What is the monthly cost of employing these staff members in q. 1? Please provide a monthly figure if possible, or an annual figure for 2025 if not.	

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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Yours sincerely,

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