

Ref FOI17 457
Date 6 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

For each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016:

Did the Trust submit data to the Royal College of Psychiatrists 'Prescribing Observatory for Mental Health UK' audit programme (POMH-UK) in respect of item 15a: Prescribing valproate for bipolar disorder?

Response - The Isle of Wight NHS Trust did not submit data to this programme.

2. Please advise:

i) What was the national average rate (expressed as a percentage) for valproate prescription to bipolar women of child bearing age (50 years or younger) in each of these years?

ii) What was the local trust rate (expressed as a percentage) for valproate prescription to bipolar women of child bearing age (50 years or younger) in each of these years?

iii) How many bipolar women of child bearing age (50 years or younger) under the trust's care were prescribed valproate in each of these years?

Response - Not applicable

3. Please provide a copy of any POMH-UK reports produced for the trust by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in respect of local valproate prescribing practice for years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Response - The information is not held; the Trust did not submit data in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

4. Please provide a copy of the memorandum of understanding between the Trust and the Royal College of Psychiatrists as regards use of POMH-UK audit data

Response – The information is not held; there is no such Memorandum of Understanding in place

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

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Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team