

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding the services your organisation provides for individuals with co-existing mental health and substance use difficulties:

#### 1. Overview of Services:

- A comprehensive list of all services and programmes currently offered specifically for people with co-existing mental health and substance use needs.
- Details on whether these services are integrated (addressing both issues simultaneously) or if they operate separately.

**EPUT do not operate dedicated dual diagnosis services. We do deliver comprehensive in patient and community mental health and substance misuse assessment and treatment services. All patients are provided with support according to need across these services who will collaborate according to their expertise in meeting the needs of patients**

#### 2. Access and Eligibility:

- The eligibility criteria for accessing these services.
- Information on referral processes, including whether self-referrals are accepted.
- Average waiting times from referral to initial assessment and from assessment to commencement of treatment.

**Eligibility criteria is determined by commissioning requirements for individual services and varies according to speciality. Broadly however as a specialist mental health provider patients would be eligible if their needs are significant, complex and cannot be met by primary care services**

**3. Service Capacity and Utilisation:**

- The total number of individuals who have accessed these services in the past three years, broken down by year.
- The maximum capacity of each service or programme.

[Please see answer to question 1](#)

**4. Staffing and Expertise:**

- The number of staff dedicated to these services, including their professional qualifications.
- Details of any specialised training provided to staff for working with co-existing conditions.

[Please see answer to question 1](#)

**5. Funding and Resources:**

- The annual budget allocated to these services for the past three financial years.
- Information on any funding changes during this period and the reasons for such changes.

[Please see answer to question 1](#)

**6. Performance and Outcomes:**

- Copies of any evaluations, audits, or performance reports related to these services from the past three years.
- Key performance indicators used to measure the effectiveness of the services.

[Please see answer to question 1](#)

**7. Partnerships and Collaborations:**

- Information on any partnerships with other organisations (e.g., NHS trusts, charities, community groups) in delivering these services.
- Details of joint initiatives or programmes aimed at supporting this client group.

Please see answer to question 1

**8. Future Developments:**

- Any planned changes, expansions, or reductions to these services in the next 12 months.
- Strategies in place to improve service delivery for individuals with co-existing mental health and substance use needs.

No

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**Publication Scheme:**

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<https://eput.nhs.uk>