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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI587956872

Thank you for your request for information relating to prescribed tranquiliser dependency.

You have requested the following information:

From April 2013 local authorities were given responsibility by Public Health England for providing drug and alcohol services.

This FOI request relates only to those patients who have become addicted or dependent upon tranquilising medications prescribed by their doctors. They do not abuse these or other substances, and were not previously dependent on these or other substances. This group is therefore distinct from illicit drug users.

Can I please request the following information:

1. How many referrals have there been to drug and alcohol services in your local authority in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 for treatment for addiction to benzodiazepines, z drug tranquillisers, gabapentinoids and opioids prescribed by their GPs? Please break this down by year, gender and drug.

2. How many Involuntary Tranquilliser Addicts are currently in treatment provided by your local authority's drug and alcohol services for addiction to benzodiazepine, z drug tranquillisers, gabapentinoids and opioids prescribed by their GPs? Please break this down by gender and drug.

The response is not applicable to both Questions 1 and 2. Coventry City Council commissions an Adult Substance Misuse Service. This service does not support patients that are dependent solely upon prescribed medication. These patients will be supported by their GP.

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Yours faithfully

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