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Our Ref: TSD10761

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Please note that Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust is an NHS Foundation Trust, not a local authority. However, the Trust captures safeguarding adults data on behalf of Torbay Council and has therefore answered the questions below based on the information it holds for Torbay. The figures provided are based on safeguarding records held in structured/reportable fields. Where information is not recorded in a structured/reportable field, this has been stated below.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to safeguarding activity involving unpaid carers of people living with dementia.

Please provide data for the most recent three financial years available.

1. Safeguarding concerns involving unpaid carers

a. Please provide the number of safeguarding concerns (alerts) recorded where the adult at risk was an unpaid / family carer.

Please specify (where held) the number of these concerns where:

- the source of risk / harm was a person they provide care for**
- and the person they care for has dementia**

b. Please provide the number of safeguarding concerns (alerts) recorded where the concern was raised about an unpaid / family carer who was not considered an adult at risk.

Please specify (where held) the number of these concerns where:

- the source of risk / harm was a person they provide care for**
- and the person they care for has dementia**

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1. Safeguarding concerns involving unpaid carers:				

a. Please provide the number of safeguarding concerns (alerts) recorded where the adult at risk was an unpaid / family carer.	66	75	81	People with safeguarding concerns who are associated carers
Please specify (where held) the number of these concerns where:				
the source of risk / harm was a person they provide care for	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Alleged source of risk/harm is not held in a structured/reportable field that can be linked to these concerns through existing reporting. Unable to query details of alleged perpetrator
and the person they care for has dementia	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Not held in a structured/reportable format	Dementia status of the cared-for person is not held in a structured/reportable field that can be linked to these concerns through existing reporting. Unable to query details

				of alleged perpetrator
b. Please provide the number of safeguarding concerns (alerts) recorded where the concern was raised about an unpaid / family carer who was not considered an adult at risk.	0	0	0	Safeguarding concerns are initially recorded on the basis that the person subject to the concern may be an adult at risk. The Trust has not identified any records matching this part of the request.
Please specify (where held) the number of these concerns where:				
the source of risk / harm was a person they provide care for	0	0	0	
and the person they care for has dementia	0	0	0	

2. Outcomes of these concerns

Of the concerns identified, please provide the following for concerns identified in Q1a and then repeat this for concerns identified in Q1b:

a. The number that progressed to a Section 42 safeguarding enquiry

b. The number concluded as:

- substantiated
- partially substantiated
- not substantiated (if recorded)

c. The number that resulted in no further action following initial screening

d. Any available data on cases identified in Questions 1a and 1b involving unpaid carers which resulted in:

- emergency respite
- emergency residential placement

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2. Outcomes of these concerns				
Of the concerns identified, please provide the following for concerns identified in Q1a and then repeat this for concerns identified in Q1b:				
a. The number that progressed to a Section 42 safeguarding enquiry	20	22	35	These figures relate to concerns identified in Q1a. As no concerns were identified for Q1b, there are no corresponding outcome figures for Q1b.
b. The number concluded as:				
substantiated	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	
partially substantiated	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	
not substantiated (if recorded)	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	

c. The number that resulted in no further action following initial screening	46	53	46	These figures represent concerns that did not progress to a Section 42 safeguarding enquiry following initial screening.
d. Any available data on cases identified in Questions 1a and 1b involving unpaid carers which resulted in:				
emergency respite	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	
emergency residential placement	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	Not held in a structured/repor table format	

3. Carer support and circumstances (where recorded)

For the cases identified in Question 1, please indicate (where held in structured data fields):

Whether the unpaid carer was offered or received a Carer's Assessment under the Care Act 2014

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3. Carer support and circumstances (where recorded)				
For the cases identified in Question 1, please indicate (where held in structured data fields):				
Whether the unpaid carer was offered or received a Carer's Assessment under the Care Act 2014	32	37	48	The figures below are for safeguarding concerns (alerts) recorded where the adult at risk was an unpaid / family carer.

4. Data recording and alternative information (if exact data not held)

If your safeguarding systems do not allow you to identify cases in the way described above, please provide:

- a. A brief description of how carer status and relationships are recorded within safeguarding data systems
 - b. Whether dementia status of the cared-for person is recorded in a searchable/structured field
 - c. Any closest available data or proxy measure (e.g. safeguarding cases involving carers where “risk from cared-for person” is recorded, even if dementia cannot be isolated)
 - d. Does your local authority maintain any specific process, pathway, policy, or guidance relating to safeguarding concerns where the source of the risk is the person being cared for?
 - e. During the last three years, has your local authority undertaken any audit, review, learning exercise, serious incident review or safeguarding adults review involving harm experienced by unpaid carers.
- If yes, are these publicly available?

4. Data recording and alternative information (if exact data not held)

If your safeguarding systems do not allow you to identify cases in the way described above, please provide:

a. A brief description of how carer status and relationships are recorded within safeguarding data systems	Carer status may be recorded in structured/reportable fields. Details of relationships and alleged source of risk/harm are recorded in free text and cannot be linked to other datasets through existing reporting.
b. Whether dementia status of the cared-for person is recorded in a searchable/structured field	Dementia status of the cared-for person is not held in a structured/reportable field that can be linked to safeguarding concerns through existing reporting.
c. Any closest available data or proxy measure (e.g. safeguarding cases involving carers where “risk from cared-for person” is recorded, even if dementia cannot be isolated)	The closest available data held by the Trust has been provided in response to Questions 1–3. The Trust does not hold a further proxy measure in structured/reportable format.

d. Does your local authority maintain any specific process, pathway, policy, or guidance relating to safeguarding concerns where the source of the risk is the person being cared for?	The Trust is not a local authority; however, it captures safeguarding adults data on behalf of Torbay Council. Based on the information held for Torbay, we have not identified any specific process, pathway, policy or guidance relating to this.
e. During the last three years, has your local authority undertaken any audit, review, learning exercise, serious incident review or safeguarding adults review involving harm experienced by unpaid carers.	The Trust is not a local authority; however, it captures safeguarding adults data on behalf of Torbay Council. Based on the information held for Torbay, we have not identified any audit, review, learning exercise, serious incident review or safeguarding adults review within the scope described.
If yes, are these publicly available?	Not applicable.

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Yours sincerely,

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