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I am responding to your request for information received 16 March 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Can you please proceed with the sections that you can accommodate within the time/cost threshold set out by the FOI Act please, namely questions 1-4, inclusive of 4a, 4b, 4c and 4g excluding 4d, 4e and 4f.**

Answer:

Please find answers incorporated into the attached document.

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**Original Request:**

**Dear Freedom of Information Officer,**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request anonymous information about Do Not Resuscitate/ Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) orders that have been issued in your Trust during specific periods (detailed below).**

**I would like to request the following information:**

**Question 1. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2019 – 1st August 2019 (period 1)?**

**Question 2. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2019 – 31st January 2020 (period 2)?**

**Question 3. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2020 – 1st August 2020 (period 3)?**

**Question 4. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2020 – 31st January 2021 (period 4)?**

**Please provide aggregate data for each period as follows:**

**a. Patient sex/gender (whichever term you use)**

**b. Patient age category (16 or under; 17-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; 90 or above)**

**c. Patient ethnicity (as per government categories <https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/style-guide/ethnic-groups> and see attached table)**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed your request a-c for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust would be able to respond to these questions within the time limit.

**d. Underlying health conditions (cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; heart conditions; obesity; other; none)**

**e. Diagnosed learning disability (number of patients with a diagnosed learning disability)**

**f. Number of DNACPR orders issued with and without patient consultation/knowledge**

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed your request d-f for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review each patient issued with a DNACPR within the time period and review their records to establish if they had an underlying health condition or disability.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is

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specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

**g. Number of patients who died within 8 weeks of DNACPR order**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust would be able to respond to these questions within the time limit.

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