

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 15 August 2023 and clarified on 23 August 2023. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and 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 eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, in this instance and in order to assist you, we have provided a partial response to your request as per below.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take to help you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the eighteen hour time limit, please do get in touch.

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,

Information Rights Coordinator



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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
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Please could you provide me with the following data:

Question 1: How many patients have developed a new pressure ulcer each month (please specify staging of pressure ulcers) for the last 12 months within your Trust?

Answer: The Trust estimates it would take one hour to collate this information.

Question 2: How many patients have developed hospital acquired pressure ulcers each month (please specify staging of pressure ulcers) for the last 12 months within your Trust?

Answer: The Trust estimates it would take one hour to collate this information.

Question 3: The number of pressure ulcers declared as a serious incident each month for the last 12 months within your Trust?

Answer: There were no serious incidents raised within the Trust in the past twelve months.

Question 4: What percentage of patients had a pressure ulcer risk assessment completed upon admission to your caseload over the last 12 months?

Answer: The Trust estimates it would take one hour to collate this information.

Question 5: What are your targets regarding pressure ulcer incidence reduction as a Trust?

Answer: The Trust has no set targets however as part of a QI project we were able to demonstrate that we made a 31% reduction in pressure ulcers of all categories and a 50% reduction in Moderate Harm Pressure ulcers (Cat 3,4 and Unstageable) Trust wide.

Question 6: What is your overall pressure ulcer prevalence each year for the last 5 years?

Clarification: By prevalence, I am referring to the amount of pressure ulcers seen within the Trust each year for the last 5 years.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 6 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

When the Trust identifies that the request is likely to take over 18 hours, we are not obliged to provide information for any part of the request. We are required to provide advice on how you may refine your request to information that can be collated within the 18 hour timeframe. You may then choose what information you would like to receive and confirm the same to us, upon which we will process your request.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to check each incident reported over the last five years to establish how many pressure ulcers each incident related to. It is estimated it would take approximately 390 hours to complete this.



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 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.

The Trust's process for reviewing pressure ulcer incidents was revised in April 2022 and accurate information can be provided regarding pressure ulcers from April 2022 to date. This can be provided within two hours.



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