

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

For the time period:

- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19

- Please break down answers by year.

1. How many bicycles were prescribed (bought for patients) within your Trust?

[2016-17](#) [2 bikes](#)

[2017-18](#) [None](#)

[2018-19](#) [7 bikes](#)

2. What was the cost of prescribing bicycles within each year?

[2016 – 17](#) [£250 approx](#)

[2017 – 18](#) [£0](#)

[2018 – 19](#) [£875 approx](#)

The Trust is unable to provide all of the information requested as this would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit): Therefore we have provided approximate figures.

For further clarification: when I use the phrase prescribing/prescription I do not refer exclusively to the traditional practice of taking a prescription slip to a pharmacy or similar. Rather, I use the term to refer to any instances of the above being purchased for patients by the Trust (whether on a temporary or permanent basis).

Publication Scheme:

Exemption: Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(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.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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