

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

How many article 2 inquests have there been for North Essex Partnership Trust patients. From 2000 to merger . Then Essex Partnership to current day.

How many standard type (without jury) inquests have there been for North Essex Partnership Trust for same time period. Then Essex Partnership Trust to current day.

Between 1 April 2017 and 6 July 2018, there have been a total of 143 inquests. This number includes those without jury. Of these 143 inquests, a total of 13 were Article 2 inquests.

The Trust is unable to provide information prior to 1st April 2017 as this would require a manual trawl of records and it is estimated that the manual hours required to extract this information would be in excess of 18 working hours. As such the Trust is applying s.12 to information prior to this date

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