

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Question 1

How many times has IV Iron been administered each year in the years 2013-2023 within the organisation. For clarity and by way of example, how many times in 2013 was administered (given intravenously) - the same for each of the years thereafter until 2023.

We can neither confirm nor deny whether some of the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested is not held in an easily retrievable format, but may be recorded in individual records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Question 2

How many iron extravasations have been reported within your organisation within the 10-year (complete years) period 2013-2023. For clarity, I am asking how many extravasations reports were made, involving iron infusions, between 2013-2023, complete years, January to December in each of those years. I am aware that there is no specific coding for Iron Extravasation. However, the incident forms for each year can be reviewed and if it does not include an IV iron infusion can be excluded - this should take a few seconds per incident form.

Essex Partnership University Trust does not hold this information, we are unable to provide a response in relation to this question.

Question 3

Are patients given any information leaflets about iron infusions prior to infusion? May I have a copy?

We currently do not provide patients with information leaflets.

Question 4

Do you have an iron infusion policy - May I kindly have a copy?

No we do not have an iron infusion policy.

To sum up. I am looking at a 10-year period (2013-2023). I am looking to discover how many times IV Iron is administered, how many times an extravasation injury occurs and lastly what information patients are given prior to the transfusion and what policies are in place.

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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