

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please could I have the total cost of managing hypertension for the following years: 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 (for the year 2022 up to and including the 31st August 2022).

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. This is because there's no identifier on a patient referral that it is for hypertension, for us to be able to pull the requested information we would have to complete a manual trawl of all patient referrals Therefore the Trust is applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

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.
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