

FOI REF: 22/067

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I'm looking to access the following information about sexual health and related admissions for UK adults of the age of 18 over the last 24 months. Please can you provide me with the information for East Sussex NHS Trust?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record sex related injuries as requested below. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a review of multiple departments and excessive case notes. Sexual injuries could fall into multiple coding categories, e.g. bowel, rectal, vaginal, urological, emergency department and are unlikely to be coded as sexual injury and may be coded as something else.

It is therefore estimated that this would take longer than 18 hours. Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours.

1. How many sex related injuries have been admitted?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

2. How many people admitted for sexual health issues?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

3. Please list the reasons for admission regarding sexual health issues

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

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4. How many people admitted due to injuries to their genitalia?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

5. Please list the reasons for admission regarding injuries to genitalia:

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

6. How many people admitted due to injuries caused by sexual activity?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

7. How many men were admitted due to injuries caused by sexual activity (including age splits)?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

8. How many women were admitted due to injuries caused by sexual activity (including age splits)?

Section 12(1) exemption applied.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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