

FOI REF: 24/793

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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:

- 1. The number of people who have attended A&E and given Semaglutide as a reason for their visit, where their drug was indicated for weight management - in every year between 2022 and 2024. Please give a figure for each year. Semaglutide also goes under brand names such as Ozempic, Saxenda, Rybelsus and Wegovy – can you please include these names in your records also.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the number of people who have attended A&E and have given Semaglutide as a reason for their visit. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of all A&E Patient records which we estimate would take over 18 hours to complete. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

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. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

- 2. Please break the figures down to give details of the complications patients presented with as a result of their use of Semaglutide.**

Section 12(1) applied, please see above.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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