

FOI 3244

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the quantities of intraosseous needles used for infusions through bone marrow in medical emergencies as an alternative to failed or difficult Intravenous (IV)' s for the last 24 months.

If possible, please break down the data for usage:

- **by month,**
- **and by type of needle used (i.e. Adult, Paediatric) and whether those needles were inserted via a manual device or a mechanically assisted device.**

If it is not possible to provide a detailed breakdown, please supply the total quantities used per month for the period that's available.

If any of this request is outside the scope of the FOIA, please answer what you can and advise and assist on the best way to uncover the remainder of the information.

Response:

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit

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