

FOI 3423

19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Question: I would like to request the following data:**

- **The number of hospital admissions in the last five years, where the primary or secondary diagnosis was:**
  - a. Scabies, and**
  - b. Eczema (including atopic dermatitis and related eczema codes).**

**Please provide the data:**

- **Broken down by month, and**
- **By condition (i.e., whether the admission was for scabies or eczema).**

**For clarity, I am requesting aggregate data only, not any patient-identifiable information.**

## Response:

Diagnosis	Year of Admission	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Eczema	Y2020	15	20	13	18	12	17	18	18	15	18	14	27
	Y2021	14	14	21	30	26	22	19	14	23	17	21	19
	Y2022	21	15	17	15	17	10	14	10	11	15	20	18
	Y2023	15	13	21	8	23	19	16	9	8	16	13	16
	Y2024	15	10	17	21	17	14	12	16	14	15	17	18
Scabies	Y2020		Under 5	Under 5						Under 5			Under 5
	Y2021		Under 5	Under 5						Under 5	Under 5		
	Y2022	Under 5							Under 5				
	Y2023										Under 5		Under 5
	Y2024	Under 5					Under 5	Under 5	Under 5	Under 5	Under 5		

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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