

FOI 3553

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

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**Under FOI legislation please provide me with a breakdown of the number of people within your health these catchment area that you currently have a record of having a diagnosis of Haemochromatosis. If possible please provide a gender and age bracket breakdown as well.**

**Response:**

This information is not held centrally and in order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of patient records is required. 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, it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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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