

FOI 3556

27th January 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I would like to obtain the following data:

- 1. The number of hospital admissions during the year 2025 in which the primary or secondary reason for admission was linked to the use of weight-loss injections.**
- 2. For each admission, please provide (in anonymised, aggregated form):**
 - The diagnosis category or reason for admission (e.g., pancreatitis, gastrointestinal complications)**
 - The month of admission.**
- 3. If available, please also provide the number of A&E attendances in 2025 where weight-loss injections were recorded as a contributing factor.**

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. To obtain this information from a number of individual patient records 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.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of all admissions and A&E attendances just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

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