

FOI 3570

6th February 2026**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

- 1. Please confirm the number of people currently living in the Southern Trust with a medical diagnosis of Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS). If possible, I would also like to request an additional breakdown of the overall number by Trust, gender and age range i.e. children and adults.**

Response:

Within Paediatrics in Southern Trust, we do not hold information on the number of patients with Prader-Willi Syndrome, therefore unable to provide this information.

- 2. Please also advise if PWS is currently red-flagged on patient records on admission to A&E and/or other hospital services in NI to both patients and inform medical professionals?**

Response:

There is no red flag for Prader-Willi Syndrome on patient charts as per our electronic record system, however the diagnosis would be included in the patient's problem list. This information would be visible to all Healthcare Professionals treating or caring for the patient

This information is not recorded centrally and cannot be disaggregated.

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.

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.

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.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of all patient charts 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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