

**Our ref: FOI – 1538**

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

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Kawasaki Disease affects a growing number of children and young people in the UK. It is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children and this FOI seeks to establish essential data for this patient population.

**For your trust, please provide information sought for the following calendar year:**

**January 2019 to December 2019**

**January 2020 to December 2020**

**January 2021 to December 2021**

**January 2022 to December 2022**

**The information we request is, for each admission of Kawasaki Disease, - ICD10 diagnosis (primary or secondary) of M303 Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome:**

- **Year of each admission**
- **Month of each admission**
- **Patient gender**
- **Patient ethnicity**
- **Age of patient at diagnosis**
- **First four items of patient postcode (partial postcode which ICO advises is non-identifiable – we use aggregated geo data to identify disease hotspots so please provide this important element – thank you)**

*Response:*

*The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient/service user confidentiality and in line with this duty we have not provided all of the information in the table. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual due to the fact the figures provided are very low. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area served by the Trust and the rarity of the condition specified. 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” not just to the applicant and will be published on the Trust website. The Trust has applied Section 40 (2) (third party*

information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to exempt the exact figures from disclosure.

For years 2019 – 2022 there are 8 inpatient/day case episodes with a primary or secondary diagnosis of Kawasaki disease. 4 Males and 4 Females.

Age on admission – 6 patients within an age range of 0 – 10 years  
2 patients with an age range of 18 – 65 years

Patient Ethnicity is not recorded on the system.

Due to the increased risk of identifying the individuals concerned in the small geographic area covered by the Southern Trust we have not provided postcodes. However, the patients are based in County Armagh, County Down & County Tyrone.

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