

FOI – 1860

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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- 1) **How many children (under 18) in your Trust area have been diagnosed with a nut allergy each year over the last five years (Jan 2018-Dec 2018 and each year up to Jan 2022-Dec 2022 and 2023 to date)?**

*The Trust is only able to provide data on children with food allergies in general, but not data on children with a specific nut allergy diagnosis. The information is not centrally held. To gather this information would require Consultants to review their patient lists and 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. It is been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve this information, which would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.*

- 2) **a) How many children in your Trust area are currently living with a nut allergy?**

*As above*

- b) What percentage of the under 18 population does this represent in your Trust area?**

*As above*

- 3) **a) Are treatments offered in your Trust area to children with a nut allergy?**

*Yes*

- b) If so, what are the treatments, where are these treatments offered and how many children are currently receiving treatment?**

*The current treatment for nut allergy is:*

- Avoidance of allergen*

- Administration of treatment in case of mild/moderate (anti histamine) or for
- Severe allergic reaction (Adrenaline auto injector).

Oral immunotherapy for nut allergy is not offered in the Southern Trust. Palforzia an oral immunotherapy for peanut allergy is not currently available in the Southern Trust.

As above we are not able to advise regarding number of children receiving treatment for a nut allergy specifically.

**c) How many children, if any, have successfully been treated in your Trust area over the last five years (Jan 2018-Dec 2018 and each year up to Jan 2022-Dec 2022 and 2023 to date) and are no longer considered to have a nut allergy?**

*None*

**4) a) Are children in your Trust area being treated for nut allergies in another NI health Trust or outside of NI?**

*No*

**b) If so, what are the treatments, where are these treatments offered and how many children are currently receiving treatment?**

*N/A*

**5) How many children within in your Trust area have died because of a nut allergy over the last five years (Jan 2018-Dec 2018 and each year up to Jan 2022-Dec 2022 and 2023 to date)?**

*None*

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