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

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**Please provide information on overheating and flooding incidents caused by severe weather in hospitals and/or the health trust for the financial years: 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23.**

- 1. The number of flooding incidents triggering a risk assessment. This is the number of times severe weather has flooded external roads or where water has breached the exterior of the building e.g. water ingress through roofs or doors.**
- 2. Overheating incidents where the daily maximum temperature exceeded 26°C triggering a risk assessment.**

**Please include:**

- Each occupied ward or clinical area having a daily maximum of over 26°C as one incident. E.g. If two wards exceeded the daily maximum temperature for two days and one clinical area exceeded the threshold for one day then the number of occasions to be reported is five.**

**Exclude:**

- Incidents in areas defined as non-clinical space (e.g. medicine cabinets in central storage areas away from wards)**

This information is not centrally collated and we consider that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. Section 12 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as the Southern Trust. This represents the cost of one or more person spending 18 hours or more in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

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