

FOI 2063

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

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### **1) How many people were treated for hyponatremia in the years 2020, 2021, 2022?**

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of 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. In order to obtain this information from a number of departments it 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.

However the Trust is able to provide information on the number of patients who had hyponatraemia as one of their diagnoses (see the attached table), although this does not infer that all of these patients either required or received treatment.

### **2) How many deaths were attributed to hyponatremia within the same time period?**

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