

FOI – 2375

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

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**Could I request a yearly breakdown by health and social care trust of the following:**

- How many patients were prescribed diazepam (secondary care prescribing)
- How many patients were prescribed tramadol (secondary care prescribing)
- How many patients were prescribed pregabalin (secondary care prescribing)

**Please provide data for the last 10 years (or for as many years as possible, prioritising the most recent).**

**Response:**

SHSCT does not currently have an electronic prescribing and administration system and this information is not held centrally. In order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records from a number of sources is required. 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, it would exceed the £450 fee 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.

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