

FOI 2566

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

QUESTION

I am writing to you to request what statistics you hold concerning unplanned extubations in your neonatal units. Unplanned extubations (UE) are defined as unintentional dislodgement of an endotracheal tube (ETT) from a patient receiving invasive mechanical ventilation.

I am writing to ask if you record annual statistics or indeed any statistics on how many UEs regarding neonatal patients occur and if so what they are for the last ten years?

RESPONSE

The information you have requested is not centrally recorded and to collate this information would require a manual review of service user records.

Unfortunately, therefore we are unable to provide the 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. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 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.

In addition, the Trust does not consider it appropriate or in keeping with data protection legislation to review individual service user records for the purposes of responding to a Freedom of Information Request as the individual would not have this reasonable expectation. This would therefore breach the first data protection principle which requires that personal information is processed fairly and lawfully.

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