

FOI 2811

23rd December 2024**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Question: How many clinic slots were available for patients for each specialist area was open for patients to attend in the year 2019 until this date in October and to date for 2024?

How many patients were seen for above in both of these date ranges and what the cancellation rate was?

Response:

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested 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.

If you are able to refine your request, so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. Please contact us for advice and assistance on refining your request if required.

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