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RE: Freedom of Information Request

26th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14th February 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. However it is not held in a readily retrievable form. We do not currently have a single document or file containing the specific data that you have requested, and our current systems are unable to provide a breakdown of data in the exact manner sought. The Trust would only be able to provide you with the information you requested by examining every individual hard copy patient record and by cross-referencing this with information held electronically.

Section 12 of the Act allows the Trust to refuse to deal with any requests where we estimate that responding to the request would exceed the cost limit. We have identified that question 2 will exceed the cost limit. For public authorities the cost limit is £450 (18 hours). If responding to one part of a request would exceed the cost limit, we do not have to provide a response to any other parts of the request. Therefore, the estimated cost of processing your request is £602,712.50. This charge has been calculated in accordance with section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.

We have estimated that we can locate and review 4 hard copy patient records per hour. We estimate that the cost of satisfying your request will be £602,712.50 (24,108 hours x £25 per hour).

Under section 16 of the Act we are obliged to advise you to refine your request to narrow the scope to bring it within the appropriate limit. If the timescales and the number of diseases is reduced, the Trust may be able to respond. I have included the figures in question 1 so you can see the number of individual hard copy patient records that would need to be reviewed. If you are unable to reduce the scope of the request the Trust will be unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. If

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you wish to proceed with this request the fee will need to be paid within three calendar months. If the fee is not received by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to request the following data (in Excel format) for the last ten calendar years (2013-2023) - if 10 years of data are unavailable, please send for as many years as possible:

- 1. The total number of reported cases for each of the following diseases within your NHS Trust, broken down by year:**

Row Labels	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Grand Total
Gout	1,635	1,780	1,469	1,536	1,514	1,513	9,447
Leprosy	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Malaria	1	10	0	1	1	2	15
Malnutrition	12,499	13,745	11,339	13,274	12,766	13,583	77,206
Measles	0	4	0	0	1	0	5
Polio	12	10	12	9	14	24	81
Rickets	829	1,066	1,058	1,087	1,279	1,943	7,262
Scarlet Fever	8	3	1	3	17	6	38
Scurvy	3	2	2	0	0	3	10
Syphilis	5	6	3	107	213	151	485
Tuberculosis	373	392	248	285	295	274	1,867
Typhoid	2	1	1	0	1	0	5
Whooping Cough	1	3	0	1	0	5	10
Grand Total	15,368	17,022	14,133	16,306	16,101	17,504	96,434

Please note that this information only relates to inpatient activity. We have extracted records based on ICD10 coding in any position within the patient's record. This means that the diagnosis is not necessarily the primary reason for admission.

Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of

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the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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