

## Freedom of Information Act Request

FOI request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose the following information:

1. How many claims were lodged against the trust where one of the injury codes was a hospital-acquired infection? (Broken down by years: 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)
  - 1a. How many of these claims were successful? (Broken down by years: 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

I am writing to confirm that DBTH holds the information on the subject you have requested. However, I advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to [locate, retrieve, extract] information in scope of your request would involve extensive administrative work as we don't record hospital acquired infection in the claims Datix so it would be impossible to tell unless we went through each and every claim

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, We have estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to carry out a manual search to locate, retrieve, and extract all the information you have requested. In this situation the associated cost would therefore exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

The fee limit specified in regulations for NHS trusts represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour determining whether the Trust holds the information sought and then locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

You may wish to direct your FOI to NHSR as they may record the information  
<https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

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If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

1b. How much has the trust had to pay out to successful claims? (Broken down by years: 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

The Trust does not pay compensation NHS Resolution do an the enquiry should be re-directed to <https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

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