

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

1. In the past three years, how many patients aged 65 and above attended/were admitted to a hospital apart of the trust with health problems related to cold temperatures, such as chest infections, respiratory conditions, flu, hypothermia and others? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)

After careful consideration, we regret to inform you that we are unable to provide the requested information as it is too broad and lacks the necessary specificity to be accurately answered. The diagnoses mentioned, such as chest infections, respiratory conditions, flu, and hypothermia, are not solely attributable to cold temperatures and can arise due to a variety of factors unrelated to weather conditions.

In order to process your request, we would require further clarification regarding the specific criteria you wish to apply when attributing these conditions to cold weather. For example, if you are referring to cases explicitly recorded as chest infections, respiratory conditions, flu, hypothermia etc.

2. How many excess winter deaths (EWDs) have the trust recorded in the past three years? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)
2a) Of these deaths, how many were aged 65 and above? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)

Winter Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Total Deaths	848	864	795
Total Expected Deaths	637.73	658.13	666.17
Excess Deaths	210.27	205.87	128.83

Over 65

Winter Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Total Deaths	730	740	667
Total Expected Deaths	552.32	566.44	570.99
Excess Deaths	177.68	173.56	96.01

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