

Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The number of patients at your NHS Trust in each calendar year since and including 2019 who were treated for:

- a) rickets
- b) scurvy
- c) lice infestations
- d) typhoid
- e) scarlet fever
- f) tuberculosis
- g) cholera
- h) whooping cough

Year	Rickets	Scurvy	Lice Infestations	Typhoid	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis	Cholera	Whooping Cough
2019	324	#	#		5	12		#
2020	255		7		6	15		
2021	255	#	13		#	24		
2022	252		#		27	26		#
2023	325		#	#	21	18		
2024	433	#	#		22	21		17

= we are unable to provide specific numerical data where the count is fewer than five. This decision is made to protect the privacy of individuals and is consistent with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Explanation of Exemption:

Section 40(2) of the FOIA exempts the release of personal data if it would contravene any of the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Public Interest Test:

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test. The need to protect personal data and the privacy of individuals outweighs the interest in disclosure in these cases.

Summary:

In conclusion, while we strive to be as transparent as possible, the information you requested includes counts fewer than five, and releasing such detailed data could lead to the identification of individuals. Therefore, we are unable to disclose this information under Section 40(2) of the FOIA.

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.

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:

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