

## Freedom of Information Act Request

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

I'd like to request the number of incidents for the timescale I originally requested (the past five years, up to and including 7 February) that were logged as T50.6.

- Following a review of our records, we can confirm that there have been fewer than five cases recorded with a diagnosis of T50.6 in the past five years.
- In accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOI Act, where numbers are low, we are unable to provide the exact figure to protect patient confidentiality.

Then I'd also like to request that you carry out a wildcard search or free search for mentions of sodium nitrite, perhaps in the narrative records of incidents? Given that this will take longer, I'd like to narrow the timeframe of *this* request to last year (1 January - 31 December 2024).

- Unfortunately, we do not have the capability to conduct a free-text search through incident records, as this information is stored in paper records rather than an electronic, searchable format.
- Conducting a manual review of paper records would likely exceed the cost and time limit set under Section 12 of the FOI Act.

If possible, would you also be able to search for mentions of methylene blue, and then check - manually - whether these relate to sodium nitrite poisoning? The timeframe for this search would also be just last year, so as to avoid s12 of the 2000 Act.

- As with the previous request, a free-text search for methylene blue is not possible due to system limitations.
- A manual review of records would likely exceed the time limit outlined in Section 12 of the FOI Act.

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](mailto: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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