

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

Within [20 working days](#), please could you provide me with the following information for the hospital(s) within your trust:

The number of A&E attendances for which "ketamine" was recorded – either in the patient notes or in the free text field "reason for visit".

Could you please provide me with these figures for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 [most up-to-date figure available]:

Could you please break down these figures by age group.

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Within our clinical coding and A&E systems, substance-specific information such as the use of "ketamine" is not routinely or consistently recorded in a way that can be extracted or reported on. Such cases would typically be recorded under general categories such as "overdose" or "substance misuse," without reference to a specific substance. Furthermore, free text fields such as "reason for visit" are not structured data fields and cannot be reliably or safely queried for statistical reporting.

As such, we do not hold data on the number of A&E attendances where ketamine was specifically mentioned, and therefore are unable to provide the figures requested.

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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