

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

I would be grateful if you could please answer the following question.

In the last 12 months, how many unique patients have been treated for Insomnia (ICD-10 code G47.0) with the following products:

- 1). Zopiclone
- 2). Zolpidem
- 3). Any other Melatonin product

If you cannot provide the information for each product, please provide the information that you do have available.

I can confirm that the Trust holds information relevant to your request. However, under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not obliged to comply with your request in full as the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit.

Our pharmacy system does not store or link prescribed treatments to diagnosis data. As a result, we are unable to identify patients treated specifically for Insomnia (ICD-10 code G47.0) with each of the specified medications without manually reviewing individual patient records. We have estimated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to carry out a manual audit to locate, retrieve, and extract the required information. Therefore, the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The fee limit for NHS Trusts is calculated at a rate of £25 per hour, with the appropriate limit set at 18 hours (2.5 working days). In this case, the time required to obtain the requested information would exceed this threshold.

Advice and Assistance:

While we are unable to break down the information by treatment due to the limitations explained above, we may be able to provide the number of unique patients who have been treated for Insomnia (ICD-10 code G47.0) in the last 12 months, regardless of the medication used. Please let us know if you would like us to proceed with this revised request.

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:

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