



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-667

Date: 29th January 2025

Email foi@uhm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 6th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Cold-related Hospital Figures

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose the following information:

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)

A1 The Trust has collated the following information based on your clarification received 7th January 2024.

Month	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
August	53	68	104	225
September	60	79	74	213
October	98	103	114	315
November	98	94	103	295
December	214	114	207	535
Grand Total	523	458	602	1583

Q2 How many excess winter deaths (EWDs) have the Trust recorded in the past three years?

2a) Of these deaths, how many were aged 65 and above? (Broken down by years: 2022, 2023, 2024)

A2 We are unable to answer this question as this metric is not a metric that NHS England use, it is used by Public Health and the Office of National Statistics. We do not know the methodology that underpins this metric; therefore, we are unable to recreate this. You may find the following link has some of the information you are looking for.

<https://www.nhs.uk/scorecard/8328>



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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries relating to the response please contact my office

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle
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Data Protection Officer

On 7th January 2025 we contacted you via email with the following.

To continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

question 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) –

Firstly, the conditions are too vague. We need you to be more specific as we do not group conditions into categories. Please can you give a more definitive group of conditions. Also, we need them to clarify are you just after people who attended our ED department and/or people who attended outpatient appointments for the stated conditions. You also mention “health problems related to cold temperatures” are we just looking at specific months? If so, what are these months or is it just all attendances for the stated conditions no matter what time of year it is?

On the same day you replied with.

‘Apologies, could you please provide figures for attendances from August to December for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

As for the conditions could you please provide figures for Influenza and pneumonia (ICD10 Codes: J09-J18), Acute bronchitis (J20), Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic (J40) and Emphysema (J43).’