



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-606

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Date: 6th December 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding atypical parkinsonian syndromes

On 2nd December 2024 we contacted you via email with the following.

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

what do you mean by the following headers and they are the same thing just worded differently.

Number of admissions:	Number of patients admitted:
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On the same day you replied via email with:

'The number of admissions might be higher than the number of patients admitted (if a patient has recurrent admissions) and this is what we are interested in exploring.'

Q1 We are interested in how the atypical parkinsonian syndromes are coded in all acute NHS Trusts in England, as well as numbers of admissions for patients with these conditions. This will contribute to a better understanding of the prevalence of these rare conditions in the population.

We would appreciate it if you could please respond to the attached form.

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Please refer to the attached document that you supplied.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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 related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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

Yours,



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