

Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-128

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Infected Blood

Q1 How many patients within the Trust have been infected by NHS blood, blood products or tissue contaminated with HIV or hepatitis C or have developed a chronic infection from blood contaminated with hepatitis B?

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety as not all of the information you have requested is recorded in the format you are requiring for all these years and would require us to extrapolate information from multiple systems and paper files and create a new report to provide this. The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, as well as creating new information, this would also take in excess of the 18 hours allowed for under the FOI Act, and would therefore be exempt under section 12: *cost of compliance is excessive*. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Please note identification of any affected patients is co-ordinated by the National Blood and Transplant Service.

**Q2 Of those, how many have died in the last 5 years?
Broken down by financial years between April 6 - April 5 (2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)**

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Of those, how many are still living and under the care of the Trust?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 Of those living, what are the ages, ethnicity, gender of the patients?

A4 As answer 1

*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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