

Title:

Ketamine Use Referrals

Reference Number: RDF1306

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Could you please confirm how many referrals have you had per month (from January 2021-January 2023) to urology as a result of ketamine use, please supply the data for Devon County Council residents only and breakdown by age and gender profiles.

The Trust has carefully considered your request, however, to establish if this information was available would involve a search of the relevant codes on our Urology referrals for this period. Currently, it is not possible to reliably identify patients with the "snome" d codes. Otherwise it becomes a manual task. However, this would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting that information.

The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days This would entail Trust staff: -

- Determining whether the information is held.
- Locating the information, or a document containing it.
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it.
- Extracting the information from a document containing it.