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Subject: Carbon monoxide cases 2018 - 2025

REQUEST

1st August 2018 to 31st July 2019:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2019 to 31st July 2020:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025:

- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that attended A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over
- The total number of carbon monoxide (CO) cases that were treated at A&E
 1. Of the total figure, how many were aged 0-18 years old
 2. Of the total figure, how many were aged 60 years old and over

RESPONSE

The Trust would like to apologise for the time this exemption notice has taken to be completed but we have explored several avenues to ensure we can get this

information requested, but it is simply not held in a way that can be produced within the time currently allowed under the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 12 of the FOIA allows a public authority to refuse a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to comply with the request. The relevant section states:

12. (1) - Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

where the appropriate limit is equal to 18 hours of staff time as set by the *Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004*

In determining the time limit, the Trust can only take into account

- determining whether the information is held;
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

In order to determine whether the information is held in respect of your request, the Trust would need to review more than 196000 A&E cards and records for each financial year requested, over the two A&E s within the trust. A simple report cannot be produced as there is not a specific code relating to carbon monoxide.

Calculation - Across the Trust there are approximately 196,000 presentations to A&E per year. If it took one minute to review each event, the total time for determining whether the information is held and retrieving this information would equal 3266 hours¹

Advice and Assistance

Under section 16 of the FOIA, advice and assistance should be provided to allow the request to come under the appropriate limit by scaling or modifying the request.

Unable to narrow

However, as the information is not readily available and the number of attendances so large, it would not be easy to scale down the request in this instance, for example, to one site. It would also not be possible to scale the request to one month as this would still exceed the time limit.

Unfortunately, the Trust is unable to provide further assistance in this instance.

¹ 196000 attendances * 1 minute to review each event = 196000 minutes
196000 minutes = 3266 hours, 40 minutes