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Subject: Extreme Cold

REQUEST

Please answer the following two questions giving numbers for each of the following financial years (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23, (iv) 2023/24 and (v) 2024/25

1. How many people were (a) treated by your trust where the external cause of them being admitted was recorded as X31 Exposure to excessive natural cold.
2. Of the people referred to in Question 1 how many of them were logged where any of their diagnosis codes (either primary diagnosis or a secondary diagnosis) were (a) any form of pneumonia, or (b) T68 X hypothermia.

If possible, I would ask you to EXCLUDE those where the person was recorded as being homeless in that they did not have a home to live in.

This exemption should not be extended to people described as NFA in that they lived in a home although did not necessarily have a fixed/permanent address.

Please state whether you have been able to exclude homeless people from the figures or not.

RESPONSE

1. How many people were (a) treated by your trust where the external cause of them being admitted was recorded as X31 Exposure to excessive natural cold.

	S&O	STHK
2020/21	6	<5
2021/22	<5	7
2022/23	<5	6
2023/24	<5	<5
2024/25	<5	<5

*Homeless patients have been excluded

2. Of the people referred to in Question 1 how many of them were logged where any of their diagnosis codes (either primary diagnosis or a secondary diagnosis) were (a) any form of pneumonia, or (b) T68 X hypothermia.

Patients who have a diagnosis in either primary or secondary position

	S&O		
	Hypothermia	Pneumonia & Hypothermia	
2020/21		<5	
2021/22	<5		
2022/23			
2023/24	<5		
2024/25	<5		

	STHK		
	Hypothermia	Pneumonia & Hypothermia	
2020/21	<5		
2021/22	<5		
2022/23	<5		
2023/24			
2024/25		<5	

	MWL		
	Hypothermia	Pneumonia & Hypothermia	
2020/21	<5	<5	
2021/22	6	0	
2022/23	<5	0	
2023/24	<5	0	
2024/25	<5	<5	

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<5

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.