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Dear Rob

RE: Fol request for information

On the 16th January you requested the following information, using the Freedom of Information Act.

Could I obtain the number of people who were diagnosed with febrile neutropenia and the number of deaths due to febrile neutropenia for 2008?

Clarification was requested off you on the 19/01/2009 stating:

Before proceeding with this request, can you please clarify the geographical area covered by you request e.g. Area covered by NHS Plymouth?

NHS Plymouth has still not received any response to our request for clarification. We've therefore looked into this request purely by information held by NHS Plymouth.

NHS Plymouth is in accordance with the Act supplying the following information.

In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Act, NHS Plymouth does not hold any of the information stated in your request. Febrile neutropenia as a separate condition is not clinically coded on any of our medical databases, and therefore not linked to diagnosis or cause of death. Links to febrile neutropenia may be noted on a patient's individual medical record, but to look into all records would breach both Data Protection principles and exceed the 18 hour limit as stated in section 12(a) of the Act.

Appeal

If you are unhappy with any aspect you have the right to complain. This should be in writing to me, upon receipt I will arrange for an independent appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at

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If there is anything you need further clarification on, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Jade Brelsford

Freedom of Information Officer