

Mr David van Eyck
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9 October 2014

Our Ref: DVE020914

Dear Mr van Eyck

Re: Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to my correspondence of 15 September 2014, please now find enclosed information you requested in relation to ketamine.

Trust decisions in relation to the release of information that the Trust holds are governed by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998 and other pieces of associated legislation. Therefore, you will note that some of the information requested has not been provided. The Northern H&SC Trust considers that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, above the “appropriate limit”. A manual exercise of retrieving and reviewing patients files would be required to complete these questions. This would take a member of staff over 18 hours to manually extract the requested information from the files.

Section 12 of FOIA allows the NHSCT to refuse a request where it estimates that it would exceed the ‘appropriate limit’ to comply with the request in its entirety. The appropriate limit is £450 and this is calculated by the time spent on the activities at the flat rate of £25 per hour (per person) which means appropriate limit would be in excess of 18 hours.

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If you are dissatisfied with the Trust’s decision regarding your request, you may request a review of the decision by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You also have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, by putting your complaint in writing to the following address.

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However, I would advise you that the Information Commissioner's Office will not normally consider your appeal until you have exhausted the Trust's internal review process.

Yours sincerely,

Tina McLaughlin
Information Governance Officer

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