



Department of Health

14/11/2014

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Dear Mr Vevers,

Thank you for your request of 23 October 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

“How many diagnosed sufferers of HIV are there in England? In the year 2013, and also if you have figures for 2014 so far, how many HIV sufferers in England received treatment by the NHS? Finally, what was the total cost of said treatment?”

Also, if any of this information is not available on your records, where would be the best place to find it?”

The Department of Health does not hold the information you have requested.

However, data on HIV is published by Public Health England (PHE). Therefore, you may wish to read PHE's report *HIV in the United Kingdom: 2013*, which provides comprehensive information up to 2012. The PHE report is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326601/HIV_annual_report_2013.pdf

PHE plan to update their report in November 2014 to include data for 2013. Should you wish to contact PHE directly, its contact details are provided below:

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Email: foi@phe.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7654 8000

With regard to the cost of treatment for HIV alone, this information is not available. However, information on the cost of HIV services (which includes treatment) is produced by NHS England and can be found at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/pb-agg-pct-figs.xls>

For further information about this, you may wish to submit a separate Freedom of Information request directly to NHS England at:

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Or, you can email your request to: england.contactus@nhs.net.

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Head of the Freedom of Information Team
Department of Health
Room 520
Richmond House
79 Whitehall,
London
SW1A 2NS

Email: freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Department. The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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