

Response document – FOI request 5455

Request

I am writing to request under the freedom of information act any/all copies of administrative correspondence, letters and/or any other documentation including minutes of meetings etc. that mention or relate to:

HIV / AIDS or Hepatitis, AND, Haemophilia / Haemophiliacs during the period January 1st 1988 – December 31st 1991.

Please note that I am NOT requesting patient medical records which would obviously be exempt, but administrative correspondence, letters and/or any other documentation including minutes of meetings etc.

Response

South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has decided to refuse this request under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The Trust does not have a centralised register of where such records would be stored and located, if they have not already been destroyed under the appropriate retention period. The Trust envisages that it would take in excess of 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information and therefore exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.