

## Freedom of Information Request Reference DVE020914

**Q1 Please provide annual figures for ketamine-related emergency admissions, for each year 1990-2014.**

As the requested information is not held electronically, a manual exercise of retrieving and reviewing all patient files who presented at the Trust's two Emergency Departments with a known drug related attendance (as well as every patient who was unconscious or collapsed) would have to be undertaken. This exercise would take a member of staff over 18 hours to manually extract the requested information from the files. Therefore to provide you with this information the Trust would render your request above the 'appropriate limit', as per Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

Section 12 of FOIA allows the NHSCT to refuse to 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.

**Q2 Please provide annual figures for ketamine-related deaths in NHS hospitals, for each year 1990-2014.**

In relation to deaths, it is often only at post mortem that the actual cause of death is determined; and if drug related, the drug used is determined. This information would not be readily accessible and therefore a manual exercise of retrieving and reviewing all patient files would have to be completed. This exercise would take a member of staff over 18 hours to manually extract the requested information from the files. Therefore to provide you with this information the Trust would render your request above the 'appropriate limit' as per Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

**Q3 Please provide copies of any available and relevant infosheets or leaflets regarding ketamine (e.g. either public health notices, treatment/situation guidelines, advice to professional staff, etc.)**

The Trust holds no information sheets or leaflets regarding ketamine.

**Q4 What percentage of patients were administered ketamine, for each year 1990-2014?**

Ketamine is used within the Trust's two Emergency Departments as sedation to perform some procedures e.g. reduction of a dislocation. The drug used would not be recorded on the electronic system, but entered as a prescription on the patient's chart. To answer this question a manual exercise of retrieving and reviewing several thousand hospital records would have to be undertaken. This



exercise would take a member of staff over 18 hours to manually extract the requested information from the files. Therefore to provide you with this information the Trust would render your request above the 'appropriate limit', as per Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

**Q5 What are NHS standard treatment guidelines for 'recreational' ketamine use admissions?**

There are no NHS guidelines available

**Q6 How many emergency admissions related to recreational ketamine use involved IV or IM use?**

As per Trust's response to Question 1

**Q7 How many deaths in NHS hospitals related to recreational ketamine use involved IV or IM use?**

As per Trust's response to Question 2

**Q8 How many emergency admissions related to recreational ketamine use also involved other drugs?**

As per Trust's response to Question 1

**Q9 How many deaths in NHS hospitals related to recreational ketamine use also involved other drugs?**

As per Trust's response to Question 2