

Hugh McCloy
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16 April 2013

Our Ref: HMCC140313

Dear Mr McCloy

Re: Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to my colleague's acknowledgement email of 14 March 2013, please find attached information you requested in relation to the following.

- For the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, please advise the number of Antrim Hospital and Causeway Hospital patients recorded as an emergency readmission within 30 days, giving reason for readmission and broken down by month.

Your request sought information on the reason for readmission, however, this information is not available on the Trust's system. To try to determine the diagnosis on admission would involve a manual exercise having to be undertaken of every individual record. The Trust considers that this would be in excess of the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We have, however, provided details on the speciality of the admitting team which I hope will satisfy your request.

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.

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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.

Causeway House, Route Complex, 8e Coleraine Road, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, BT53 6BP
Tel: 028 2766 1317, E-mail: Debbie.Troy@northerntrust.hscni.net



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The Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution Team
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF.

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



Debbie Troy
Senior Information Governance Officer

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