

By email



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Dear Mr Faulknor

Re: Request for information regarding Tuberculosis surveillance data

Thank you for your email dated 6 October 2012, received on 8 October 2012 regarding your request for Tuberculosis surveillance data. This response addresses the question we have identified from your email.

“Under the Freedom of Information Act I therefore request the anonymised raw data from which you derive the Enhanced Tuberculosis Surveillance (ETS) reports.”

In accordance with section 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I confirm that the Health Protection Agency (HPA) does hold the information you have requested.

Having carefully considered your request we have now established that the number of reported cases regarding Tuberculosis from clinics, primary care trusts and local authorities is extremely low. To disclose this information to you would lead to the identification of members of the public through deductive disclosure. Therefore, the information you have requested is exempt in accordance with the section 40 – *personal information*, exemption.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them to me in the first instance. If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like a copy of the HPA complaints procedure then please contact Mr George Stafford, Complaints Manager at: Health Protection Agency, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SZ.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the HPA complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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