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Dear Requestor

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust. In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we hold information relevant to your request.

Can you specify how many patients have been admitted by your Trust's A&E department as a result of vaping fluids laced with either cannabis, or derivatives like tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), or Spice and or similar synthetic cannabinoids, in the in each of the last five calendar years.

Can you also specify the total number of patients admitted as a result of vaping standard fluids, eg tobacco derivatives.

Can you also break this down by gender and the following age brackets: Under 16, Under 18, Under 25 and 26 and over.

We do not record patients admitted by A&E as a result of vaping specifically, only that it is related to Drug or Alcohol in general.

Section 12

This information is not routinely collected as this information is not held centrally. We have established that it would take more than 18 hours to locate all the information you have asked for, as it would require us to manually extract the information from each patient's medical record which may be held in a number of locations, the number of patient records involved is 2972 which would take approximately 20 minutes per record. Therefore we consider that the exemption offered to us in S.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the cost of compliance is applied, since we are of the opinion that the costs which we are allowed under the Act exceeds £450, which amounts to a maximum of 18 hours of search and retrieval time charged at £25 per hour, the hourly rate also specified in the regulations. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is therefore not obliged to provide this

information to you. Please be aware that this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test

In the event that you decide to refine the terms of your request I would advise you that the Trust might also rely on the engagement of other exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Adam Brown
IG & DP Specialist

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Information Governance Manager
Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
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If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review of the Trust's decision you may wish to make an approach to the Information Commissioner.

Information Commissioner
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK95 5AF

<http://www.ico.gov.uk>

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