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Our Ref: 19FOI559
Your Ref: Email received 22/01/2020

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Dear Andy Buckwell

File Reference:	19FOI559
Date request received:	22/01/2020
Disclosure due date:	19/02/2020
Disclosure date:	06/02/2020

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Response

I refer to your email received 22/01/2020 in which you requested information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For organisational context: University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. We employ staff working in 350 different roles within the Trust. We offer a full range of general hospital services to around 450,000 people in Plymouth, North and East Cornwall and South and West Devon. These include emergency and trauma services, maternity services, paediatrics and a full range of diagnostic, medical and surgical sub-specialties.

We work within a network of other hospitals to offer a range of specialist services to a population of between 700,000 and two million depending on the type of care needed.

“Contact us” details are available on the Trust website at <http://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us>. This includes an online enquiry form.

You asked

1. **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.**
2. **Can you also specify the total number of patients admitted as a result of vaping standard fluids, e.g. tobacco derivatives.**
3. **Can you also break this down by gender and the following age brackets: Under 16, Under 18, Under 25 and 26 and over.**

Our reply

There are no specific clinical codes used for vaping and as such, the information is not available through any electronic patient management system. Patients may or may not have been admitted to our Emergency Department; however the Trust could not identify the information you have requested from manual records within the timeframe allowed.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is neither confirming nor denying it holds the information in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act. It therefore cannot supply it in accordance with section 1(b) because section 12.-(2) applies – The appropriate limit. This is 18 hours for locating, extracting and collating any information held.

Attachments included: No

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me on ☎ 01752 431058.

Satisfaction and appeal

Would you kindly note that if you were unhappy with this response then you have the right to complain. This should be in writing to the address below or preferably by email to plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net . We will then arrange for an independent appeal.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

<http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/getting>

Tel: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team