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REQUEST

I am part of a team at King's College London who have been commissioned to provide an update on the evidence base on electronic-cigarettes. We would be grateful if you could provide us with the following information:

- How many burn injuries you have treated that were attributed to electronic-cigarettes. This would include burn injuries caused by the electronic-cigarettes themselves, their batteries or their chargers.
- How many burn injuries you have treated that were attributed to mobile phones. This would include burns caused by the phones themselves, their batteries or their chargers.
- How many burn injuries you have treated that were attributed to cigarettes or smoker's materials.

Can you please provide me with the information for the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date? If data for all years is not available, please supply the information you have.

RESPONSE

The Trust does not have a specific code for electronic cigarette, mobile phone, chargers or cigarette burns. In order to respond to your request a manual search of health records would be required. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the

estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.