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REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information:
Q1) How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (showing signs of drug addiction because of their mother taking drugs during pregnancy) at hospitals run by your trust in each of the past five financial years?

Q2) Please breakdown the figure from Q1. giving the age of each mother and the substance she was addicted to?

Q3) Please tell me how much it cost to care for these babies as well as the mothers with addictions to illegal drugs in a hospital/other facility your NHS Trust runs in each of the past five financial years?

RESPONSE

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.