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Subject: Wrong medication

REQUEST

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. As you will understand, this may not be a definitive list of relevant information

I would like details of any time in the past five years, from January 2011, patients at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospital have been given the wrong medication.

Could you please provide the number of times this has occurred, broken down by month and location since January 2011?

I would also like details of the medication prescribed and the type given on each occasion.

Please could I have this information in the format of an Excel spread sheet.

I would be interested in any information within your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require.

RESPONSE

- Number of times patients have been given the wrong medication, broken down location since January 2011. We are unable to provide you with a breakdown by month as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.

	A+E	Department (Pharmacy)	Department (Rheumatology)	Department (Sexual Health)	Outpatients (Cancer Services)	Outpatients (Dermatology)	Outpatients (Diabetes)	Outpatients (Gastroenterology)	Outpatients (General Medicine)	Outpatients (General Surgery)	Outpatients (Ophthalmology)	Outpatients (Urology)	Theatres	Ward (Cardiology)	Ward (Critical Care)	Ward (Gastroenterology)	Ward (General Medical)	Ward (General Surgery)	Ward (Gynaecology)	Ward (MOP)	Ward (Obstetrics)	Ward (Orthopaedic)	Ward (Paediatric)	Ward (Plastics)	Ward (Rehabilitation)	Ward (Respiratory)	Ward (Haematology)	Total
Jan 2011	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dec 2015	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	38	33	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	14	4	14	65	25	6	26	2	13	6	1	2	14	5	288

- Details of the medication prescribed and the type given on each occasion.

Our incident recording system does not record the medication prescribed or the type given on each occasion. As a result in accordance with 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.