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Subject: Tattoo Removals

REQUEST

I would like to know how many tattoo removal procedures the trust carried out on the NHS over the last five years (December 2008-January 2014), and how much these cost the trust in total.

RESPONSE

2008-2011

No patients received tattoo removal under NHS treatment

2011-2013/14

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust do not have to provide information to the applicant which is easily accessible by other means. This information you require can be viewed via the Trusts Publication Scheme at –

<http://www.sthk.nhs.uk/library/documents/STHK051300813Requestresponse.pdf>

End of August 2013– End January 2014:

We are unable to provide the information you require 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.