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From: Student
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Subject: Do Not Resuscitate

REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request anonymous information about Do Not Resuscitate/ Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) orders that have been issued in your Trust during specific periods (detailed below).

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2019 – 1st August 2019 (period 1)?
2. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2019 – 31st January 2020 (period 2)?
3. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2020 – 1st August 2020 (period 3)?
4. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2020 – 31st January 2021 (period 4)?
5. Please provide aggregate data for each period as follows:
 - a. Patient sex/gender (whichever term you use)
 - b. Patient age category (16 or under; 17-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; 90 or above)
 - c. Patient ethnicity (as per government categories <https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/style-guide/ethnic-groups> and see attached table)
 - d. Underlying health conditions (cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; heart conditions; obesity; other; none)
 - e. Diagnosed learning disability (number of patients with a diagnosed learning disability)
 - f. Number of DNACPR orders issued with and without patient consultation/knowledge
 - g. Number of patients who died within 8 weeks of DNACPR order

I have produced a table (attached) to complete, but I am happy to receive the information in a different format. I have also attached an example/dummy completed spreadsheet to show how the data might look.

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.