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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to emergency transfers from private hospitals.

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your hospital trusts.
How many patients arrived in A&E as an emergency transfer from Kent's private hospitals, for the following financial years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15?*

Would it be possible to list which private hospitals the patients were transferred from for each of the financial years above?

Would it be possible to list some of the conditions that the patients were admitted with?

I have identified the following list of private hospitals in Kent:

- 1. KIMS Maidstone*
- 2. Nuffield Health Tunbridge Wells*
- 3. Spire Tunbridge Wells*
- 4. Spire Alexandra Walderslade*
- 5. BMI Somerfield Maidstone*
- 6. BMI Chaucer Canterbury*
- 7. BMI Fawkham Manor*
- 8. BMI Sloane Beckenham*
- 9. BMI Chelsfield Park Orpington*
- 10. Spencer Ashford*
- 11. Spencer Margate*
- 12. Benenden*

The Accident & Emergency department data does not contain sufficient information to be able to provide these figures. The system logs patients referred from other healthcare providers, but that will include NHS hospitals and probably nursing homes.

In order to accurately gather the information requested the Trust would need to look at the notes of every patient referred from other healthcare providers. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.