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Dear Mr Robertson

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 Xanax.

You asked:

Please tell me how many people have been admitted to Accident and Emergency after taking Xanax for the following periods:

For each of the periods

- *September 2017 to September 2018*
- *September 2016 to September 2017*
- *September 2015 to September 2016*

In each incidence please let me know:

- *What was the age of each admission linked to Xanax?*
- *What the outcome of the treatment was?*

Trust response:

The Trust is unable to supply this information. The system used in A&E does not record the information in this detail.

Regarding admitted patients who came from A&E, Xanax does not have its own specific code and any patients taking it will be grouped with patients taking a similar type of drug. For admissions the diagnosis code T424 gives Poisoning by Benzodiazepines, which would include Xanax, but would also include other similar drugs like Valium. The Trust is unable to identify specific patients who came in as a result of taking Xanax without the manual checking of patient records. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.