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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 needle stick injuries and subcutaneous infusions.

You asked:

*1. What is the size of the Trust in terms of number of beds:
Number of beds -*

*2. Please provide the number of needle stick (sharps) injuries reported within the Trust for the following NHS years:
NHS Year (April to March)
April 2017 – March 2018 -
April 2018 – March 2019 -
April 2019 – March 2020 -*

*3. How many subcutaneous (SC) infusion procedures were conducted by your trust in the following NHS years:
NHS Year (April to March)
April 2017 – March 2018 -
April 2018 – March 2019 -
April 2019 – March 2020 -*

Trust response:

1. This information can be found using the following link:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-day-only/> Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you.

2.

NHS Year (April to March)	Number of reported needle stick (sharps) injuries
April 2017 – March 2018	133
April 2018 – March 2019	152
April 2019 – March 2020	148

3. We do not have electronic records of drug administration so cannot answer the question about SC infusions. 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.