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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 the number of injuries caused by e-cigarettes 2013 – 2016.

I'm looking to receive details on how many patients have been admitted to hospital with injuries caused by e-cigarettes since 2013.

Can this please be broken down into separate figures for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 so far?

If possible, could I also be provided with a brief description of the injuries suffered in each case?

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust do not have a code that relates specifically to e-cigarettes. The injury would be coded according to the type of injury for example; burn of skin and the cause would be contact with other and unspecified heat.

As the information is not held electronically 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.