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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 cost of flu treatment.

- a) How many people were admitted to Accident and Emergency with flu in each calendar year: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and; 2016?*
- b) What is the total financial cost for people presenting with flu at Accident and Emergency in each calendar year in answer to Question A. Please provide this information broken down by calendar year, as follows: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and 2016. This should include all costs incurred to treat the illness during the patients stay at the hospital, including all staff salaries and any other medical treatment costs.*

1. Patients attending A&E with flu cannot be identified. The diagnosis codes used in A&E are too broad. The nearest code we have is 'non-notifiable infectious disease' which would not give an accurate figure for flu.
2. As the patients cannot be identified the Trust is unable to respond to this question.