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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 asthma treatment and care for Children.

*You asked:*

*Please provide numbers spanning the last 3 years – please segment by year where possible (i.e. 2018, 2019, 2020 - to date) for the following questions:*

1. *How many children age 7 and under have been admitted/treated for asthmatic symptoms in your Trust in these 3 instances:*
  - a. *Have been diagnosed as displaying asthmatic symptoms*
  - b. *Have been prescribed home treatment (reliever at home)*
  - c. *Have been admitted to A&E / ER for emergency treatment*
2. *For what number of children aged 7 and under was their admission to A&E/ER/Emergency GP (for asthmatic symptoms) their first instance of having asthmatic symptoms diagnosed and treated (i.e. the first instance of the NHS being made aware of asthmatic symptoms)?*
3. *How many children age 7 or under have had to be treated due over-medication of prescribed asthma medication?*
4. *How many children age 7 or under have had to be treated due under-medication of prescribed asthma medication?*
5. *What number of children age 7 and under are referred to a paediatrician/3rd party to help manage their asthmatic symptoms?*
6. *Yes/No: Has your trust seen a decline in parents seeking medical help for children aged 7 and under with asthma/asthmatic symptoms since March 2020?*

Trust response:

1. Admissions age 7 or under with a primary diagnosis.  
2018: 36  
2019: 46

2020: 21

These are all emergency admissions.

Every child being admitted with an asthma diagnosis will be discharged with reliever inhalers prescription.

2. 3. 4. and 5.

In order to provide further information the Trust would need a clinical staff member to check each patient record. 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.

6. The Trust has seen a decline.