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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 pregabalin and gabapentin.

You asked:

- 1. How many patients at your hospital have been treated for illness related to pregabalin or gabapentin each year?*
- 2. How many patients at your hospital have died after taking pregabalin or gabapentin each year?*
- 3. Could you please provide data for as many years as possible? At least the past 20 years.*

Trust response:

1. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. We can run a report on what we have dispensed within the hospital environment, however this will not capture any patient who has received either drug at another trust or via GP prescribing only. In 2020 there were 2620 transactions for both drugs, and since 2013 (the date we can report from) 29,221 transactions for both drugs.

In order to answer the request in full, all patient notes would need to be checked. 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.

2. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. In order to answer the request in full, all patient notes would need to be checked. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider

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3. Not applicable. Please see the response to Q1 and Q2.