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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 effects of heat and light and sunburn.

You asked:

- 1. The number of A&E attendances and/or admission episodes between 1 June 2022 and 31 August 2022 with a diagnosis of sunburn and/or effects of heat and light. For each instance recorded please specify the diagnosis, the date of the episode and age of the patient.*
- 2. The number of A&E attendances and/or admission episodes between 1 June 2021 and 31 August 2021 with a diagnosis of sunburn and/or effects of heat and light. For each instance recorded please specify the diagnosis, the date of the episode and age of the patient.*
- 3. The number of A&E attendances and/or admission episodes between 1 June 2020 and 31 August 2020 with a diagnosis of sunburn and/or effects of heat and light. For each instance recorded please specify the diagnosis, the date of the episode and age of the patient.*

Trust response:

Please note the following information:

The sharp increases in numbers is down to data capture. The Trust moved to a new ED system in June 2021 with a much greater data capture.

We are unable to provide a more detailed diagnosis than sunburn from the data we have available. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the Section 12 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.

Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further more detailed information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We have released ages within a 10-year range and added the total number of cases for each month.

1.

June 2022	14
July 2022	17
August 2022	6

Year	2022
0-9	5
10-19	1
20-29	10
30-39	10
40-49	5
50-59	0
60-69	3
70-79	1
80-89	1
90+	1

2.

June 2021	4
July 2021	12
August 2021	1
Year	2021
0-9	4
10-19	5
20-29	0
30-39	1
40-49	3
50-59	0
60-69	2
70-79	2
80-89	0
90+	0

3.

June 2020	0
July 2020	0
August 2020	3

Year	2020
0-9	0
10-19	0
20-29	0
30-39	0
40-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	1
70-79	0
80-89	1
90+	1