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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 nitrous oxide gas A&E attendances.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose details of the figures and details of cases of patients presenting at your A&E departments with symptoms of taking nitrous oxide gas year by year from 2018-2023.

Please state the year, the symptoms shown and the outcome of the A&E visit.

## Trust response:

The Trust does not hold this information to that level of granularity in a reportable format. 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 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.