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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 bacterial meningitis following a spinal anaesthetic.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
I write to ask for information on bacterial meningitis following a spinal anaesthetic and the incidences in your hospital from 2018 to date please.*

Should you have any cases I would be interested to understand how this happened.

Trust response:

The Trust is unable to supply this information as although there is an ICD-10 code for bacterial meningitis there is not one which is specific for spinal anaesthetic which would have allowed us to gather the data electronically. 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 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 your request further.