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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 the cost of interventions for non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
I would like to request the following information regarding patients seeking treatment for physical complications from dermal filler and Botulinum toxin injections, such as nodule formation, discolouration, migration and herpetic outbreaks:*

- 1) The total number of patients that have been treated at all your hospitals for botched non-surgical procedures for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*
- 2) The total cost of treating botched non-surgical procedures at all your hospitals for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*
- 3) The total number of patients that all of your hospitals have referred to private clinics to treat botched non-surgical procedures for quarter 2 of 2023-2024.*

Trust response:

The Trust is unable to provide this information. There are no dedicated codes for these conditions. There are codes for the complications that are in the request, but we are unable to say if it is due to botulinum toxin or dermal filler. 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 this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.