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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/01/31.

You requested the following information:

I'm hoping you can help me gather some data for an assignment I'm doing? The data I'm asking for might best be sourced from a Clinical Audit Officer if you are able to refer me on to one.

I'm looking for data from the last 12 months across your Trust on:

The total number of patients treated with Acute Cardiogenic Pulmonary Oedema.

And of that sample I'm hoping to see...

How many of those patients were referred to hospital by ambulance, and where the other patients may have been referred to.

How many of these patients were given morphine, what the clinician's rationale was if so and what the patient's pain score was. (I'm hoping to make an argument for research into pre-hospital morphine administration to ACPO patients in the absence of pain)

I regret to advise that we cannot provide the information as requested on the grounds of the exemption contained within s.12 of the FOIA. Unfortunately, Acute Cardiogenic Pulmonary Oedema (ACPO) is not a crew condition code on our Patient Clinical Record so therefore it is not data that is routinely collected by our Trust. To retrieve the information would necessitate manually searching through each patient clinical record relating to cardiac problems which would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set down in the guidance on the application of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees).

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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