

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

- 1. Please can you tell me how many Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) notices were issued by the Trust between 1st March 2020 and the present date (8th December 2020). Please include the date each DNAR was issued.**

The Trust does not record this information within a searchable data system. Individual paper-based records would contain a copy of any notice, but with more than one million records, we cannot examine, extract and collate the information requested from these records within the appropriate limit of 18 hours. Please refer to the legal notes below.

- 2. Please can you also tell me how many DNARs were issued for the same period last year (i.e. 1st March 2019 - 8th December 2019).**

As above

- 3. Please can you also tell me how many complaints you have received related to a DNAR being issued at any point between 1st March 2019-8th December 2020 and please provide as much detail as possible about the nature of the complaint.**

The Trust has had five or fewer complaints about do not attempt to resuscitate. Having so few complaints prevents us from providing further details. This is because there is a risk of patient identifiable data being released due to such a small number of complaints in this timeframe.

Legal notes:

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b), unless otherwise specified below.

Q1 and 2 - The appropriate limit is exceeded

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust (UPHT) is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it does not hold the information requested in a structured manner. The Trust could not locate, extract and collate such information as

requested within the limitations of the Act. It would take 20 and 30 minutes per record and as previously stated there are more than one million records.

This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, in accordance with the Fees Regulations, we estimate that it will cost in excess of £450 to locate, retrieve and extract the information you have requested. This sum exceeds the appropriate limit of £450 as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Q3 Personal information

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. Figures of five or fewer are considered personal information as is the detail of each person's complaint. Our approach avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing, whilst providing you with as much detail as possible. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

Attachments included: No