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## **Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract**

### **You asked**

Under the terms of a freedom of information act request could I ask in the years 2015, 2016 & 2017 from January 1st until the current date could you please provide me with the total number per month of cancer operations cancelled by Hospitals under the umbrella of your Acute NHS Trust?

### **Our reply**

The Trust can identify any operation that is linked to a confirmed diagnosis cancer referral. This operation however could be to deal with the cancer itself or could be to deal with the after effects of the cancer e.g. breast reconstructions or other procedure to deal with ongoing symptoms.

The only way to ensure we count curative operations to deal with the actual cancer itself is to manually check each patient's records. This undertaking would significantly exceed the limit specified in the Act and described below in the legal notes. I am sorry that on this occasion, we cannot be more helpful.

### **Legal Notes**

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested but is refusing to supply it in accordance with section 1(b) because the Trust could not locate, extract and collate the information requested within the limitations of the Act (18 hours).

We consider it exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.-(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

**Attachments included:** No