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## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

### You asked

Please may I make an FOI request adapted from a previous request I have made in relation to Modafinil and diagnoses of Steven-Johnson Syndrome.

To refine my request in the hope it may bring it within the statutory requirements, please may you tell me:

By accessing records of patients attending the trust or its hospitals or medical centres an diagnosed with Steven-Johnson Syndrome (or SJS) in the past financial year (2016-17), how many of records make any mention of Modafinil, whether a known prescription or assumed cause of the case.

I anticipate there will be in the region of around 10 patients diagnosed per year per trust, judging by my previous request, so I hope it will not take too long to process the records manually.

### Our reply

As previously stated in our response to question 7 of request numbered 17FOI377, the number of known distinct Steven-Johnson Syndrome cases was six in 2016/17.

The Trust has not examined patient records. To read each person's full records for the purpose of answering this Freedom of Information Act request would breach the Data Protection Principles. This is defined in the description of the first and second data protection principles and is in accordance with the sixth principle because the Trust would not know or have control over further use. <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/data-protection-principles/>

As the distinct case number is so low, we would strongly suspect that the information would be biographically identifiable and could not be disclosed. Exempt from supply as previously explained in our exemption rationale document L3.

### Legal notes

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is neither confirming nor denying it holds the information in compliance with section 40 (5) (a) and (b)(i & ii).

I am sorry that on this occasion we cannot be more helpful. I have attached our previous reply at the bottom of this response letter.