

Reference Number: FOI202223/190
From: Commercial
Date: 21 July 2022
Subject: The number of admissions on 18/07/2022 and 19/07/2022 with diagnosis of T67 Effects of heat and light, L55 Sunburn

Q1 The number of A&E attendances on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:
a. T67 Effects of heat and light
b. L55 Sunburn

A1 a-b: Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.

Q2 The number of finished admission episodes on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:
a. T67 Effects of heat and light
b. L55 Sunburn

A2 a-b: Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.

Q3 The number of occasions on July 18, 2022, and July 19, 2022, where an occupied ward or clinical area had a daily maximum temperature exceeded 26°C. Please include each occupied ward or clinical area having a daily maximum of over 26°C as one incident (e.g. if two wards exceeded the daily maximum temperature for two days and one clinical area exceeded the threshold for one day then the number of occasions to be reported is five).

A3 24 occasions

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly

and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.

- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.