

Ref FOI17 002
Date 19 January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

Please tell me:

a) How many people were admitted to Accident and Emergency with flu in each calendar year: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and; 2016.

Response – Unfortunately the Isle of Wight NHS Trust is not in a position to say for certain the exact number of people that presented at A&E with flu, and so are unable to get an accurate number because other diagnosis options may have been selected such as “other respiratory. The only figures available for specifically “flu” are:

Apr – Dec 2012 = 0

2013 = 0

2014 = 3

2015 = 4

2016 = 2

b) What is the total financial cost for people presenting with flu at Accident and Emergency in each calendar year in answer to Question A. Please provide this information broken down by calendar year, as follows: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and 2016. This should include all costs incurred to treat the illness during the patients stay at the hospital, including all staff salaries and any other medical treatment costs.

Response – The Trust does not hold the requested information. Patients are not admitted to A&E, and not all those who attend A&E will be suffering with the flu. Information is not held in the level of details requested. Costs for A&E treatment can not be broken down by individual illnesses or diagnoses.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

