

Ref FOI17 150
Date 15 May 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.

How many incidents have your staff attended involving or related to the drug known as "Spice" in each of the following financial years:

14/15

15/16

16/17

Please provide a breakdown for each year giving the number per month. If it will not exceed the time limit, please include a summary of the nature of each incident in the breakdown.

Clarification requested from applicant as follows:

When the requester states "incidents staff have attended" what do they mean? Is this Ambulance calls?

Response from applicant - Yes please provide information in relation to ambulance calls.

Clarification requested from applicant as follows:

The Trust do not have a code for the drug "spice". As far as we are aware tell this is a 'synthetic cannabinoid' which we do have codes for however providing data recorded under this code this would not be exclusive to the drug "spice". Please confirm whether you would like us to proceed on this basis.

Response from applicant - Yes please provide these figures.

Response - Thank you for providing the above clarification, however following review of the information held, it has been ascertained that the Trust systems do not hold such specific data centrally. This information may be entered by the attending clinicians, however this would be contained within individual patient records. Patient records constitute personal sensitive data

as defined within the Data Protection Act 1998 and as such are exempt from provision under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust can therefore neither confirm nor deny whether any such cases have occurred.

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.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

