

Request Reference: FOI/074/24

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Information requested:

Please tell me for each year from 2019 to 2025:

1. How many PRNs were administered to the non-learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
2. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?
3. How many PRNs were administered to the -learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
4. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?

Response:

The cost of providing the information requested will greatly exceed the £600 maximum cost permitted for a freedom of information request and in accordance with FOISA section 12 we are not obliged to provide the information.

At a conservative estimate the State Hospital has about 95 patients on any given day, however as patients are admitted and discharged the composition of our patient cohort changes over time.

Whilst some patients may have a particular diagnosis on admission, some patients are diagnosed whilst being treated at the State Hospital and as such will be part on one cohort on one day, but part of a different cohort the following day.

To accurately determine the patients in each cohorts we will need to check which patients are in the learning disabled/autistic cohort and the PRNs for each day.

It takes approximately 1 hour to check the diagnosis of each patient at the State Hospital for any given day and approximately 45 seconds to check each patient's PRN for a month.

Estimated costs:

1 hour x 6.17 Years x 365 days x £15/hr = £33,780.75 (cohort selection)

45 seconds x 12 months x 6.17 years x 95 patients x £15/hr = £1,318.84 (PRN checks)

Total cost = £35,099.59

Advice and Guidance

Having reviewed the information available to us and its format we recommend making a new request for this information as follows;

Please tell me, based on a monthly cohort selection, over the last 12 months:

1. How many PRNs were administered to the non-learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
2. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?
3. How many PRNs were administered to the -learning disabled/autistic population of The State Hospital?
4. How many of these were doses of benzodiazepines?

The estimated costs for this are;

1 hour x 12 months x £15/hr = £180 (cohort selection)

45 seconds x 12 months x 95 patients x £15/hr = £213.75 (PRN checks)

The time/cost of presenting the information is likely be around two hours per year (£30) of information.

Total cost = £423.75