

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning caffeine.

I would specifically like to know the **number of cases per year** within your NHS Acute Trust records which referred to:

1. Caffeine overdose/toxicity/intoxication
2. Caffeine misuse/abuse
3. Excessive caffeine use/consumption
4. Caffeine allergy
5. Caffeine addiction
6. Caffeine dependence/caffeinism
7. Caffeine pills (which may include branded items such as 'Pro Plus' or Own-brand energy tablets)
8. Caffeinated beverages (including, but not limited to: coffee, tea and energy drinks such as 'Red Bull', 'Monster', 'Kick' or other)

In addition to number of cases related to caffeine use, I would like to know how many of these cases resulted in **hospital admissions**.

I am requesting this information for the years **2011, 2012 and 2013** (up to the present date) and would like the data to be separated by year.

Where possible, I would also like to know the number of cases which have fallen under the following information brackets:

1. Age – (0-18) (18-25) (25-40) (40-55)(55+) (Not disclosed)
2. Gender – (Male) (Female) (Other) (Not disclosed)
3. Amount of caffeine consumed - (>200mg) (200-600mg) (>600mg) (Not disclosed)
4. Source of caffeine - (Pills) (Drinks) (Other) (Not disclosed)

**The Trust is not able to answer this as there is no designated code for caffeine use alone. The ICD10 code F15 – Mental and behavioral disorders due to use of other stimulants, including caffeine includes use of other stimulants such as amphetamine.**

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk), in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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