

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning malnourishment.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1) Since October 1st 2008, the number of males who have been diagnosed with malnourishment or malnutrition who are under the age of 18.
- 2) Since October 1st 2008, the number of females who have been diagnosed with malnourishment or malnutrition who are under the age of 18.
- 3) Since October 1st 2008, the number of males who have been diagnosed with undernourishment who are under the age of 18
- 4) Since October 1st 2008, the number of females who have been diagnosed with undernourishment who are under the age of 18

Please Note: The ICD codes used for this request were E40-E46 which refer to malnutrition/malnourishment.

There is no specific code for undernourishment but it is grouped within E46 – “Unspecified protein specific energy malnutrition” - along with a few other things. As a result there is no segregated data for Q3-4, but is grouped in that for Q1-2.

1. *4 males under 18 with a diagnosis in any instance of malnourishment/malnutrition/undernourishment from 01/10/2008-current*

2. *2 females under 18 with a diagnosis in any instance of malnourishment/malnutrition/undernourishment from 01/10/2008-current*

3-4. See above

5) With relation to requests 1-4, the number of these cases in which parents were referred to Social Services.

This information is not recorded and held by the Trust

6) Since October 1st 2008, the number of males and females who have died whereby malnourishment or malnutrition was listed as a factor in their cause of death.

0 instances whereby male and female patients died with malnourishment/malnutrition/undernourishment listed as a death factor. (This was based on the assumption that the request was concerned with looking at those aged under 18 and no-one else – This wasn't explicitly stated in the request).

Note: We are aware that Dietetic practice indicates that this number would not be reflective of the true number of people diagnosed with malnourishment or malnutrition in the Homerton Hospital, reflected by the number of clients who are given nutritional support.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at 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 to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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MALE < 18				
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-17
2008/09	0	0	0	
2009/10	2	0	0	0
2010/11	1	0	0	0
2011/12	0	0	0	0
2012/13	1	0	0	0
2013/14	0	0	0	0

FEMALE <18				
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-17
2008/09	0	0	0	0
2009/10	0	0	0	0
2010/11	1	1	0	0
2011/12	0	0	0	0
2012/13	0	0	0	0
2013/14	0	0	0	0