

3rd September 2015

Dear Sir/Madame,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding admissions to Homerton hospital as a result of 'legal highs'.

The Trust can provide the following information:

My request is regarding hospital admissions for people suffering ill effects as a result of taking so-called legal highs. These are officially described as New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), and include "Spice", a laboratory-created cannabis substitute, nitrous oxide ("laughing gas"), and other chemicals.

For each of the financial years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, can you please specify:

- The number of people admitted to your hospital(s) as a result of taking NPS
Zero
- The number of deaths at your hospital(s) in people recorded as having taken NPS
Zero
- The type of substance in each case (if known)
N/A
- The gender of the patient in each case
N/A
- Please provide the data by way of a month-by-month breakdown
N/A
- Please indicate if the patient was treated in A&E or on a different ward
N/A

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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