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Email: [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2649**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding prescription of Benzodiazepines.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**How many patients were given any form of benzodiazepines during treatment in hospital?  
Please provide broken-down figures (if possible) for up to the past five years and at least for the  
past 3 years**

With regards to the above request the Trust does not hold this information in a readily available format. We have carried out an assessment, calculating how long it would take to provide you with this information and have estimated that it will take longer than 18 hours to complete this exercise. This is based on the fact that it will require manually extracting the data from the Trust system into a reportable format and as a result it will cost more than the 'appropriate time limit' to respond to your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

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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Yours sincerely

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