

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-399

Date 13 July 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. **The total number of patients attending the hospital where the use/overuse of the drug Pregablin is given as reason/part of the reason for their condition/attendance. Please provide figures for 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15. 2016/17 and 2017/18 to date.**

This information is not recorded in our systems therefore this data is not readily available. To obtain this information would require a manual trawl through patient notes which take in excess of 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. **Please provide the same figures for the number of patients admitted where the use/overuse of the drug Pregablin is given as reason/part of the reason for their condition/admittance. Please provide figures for 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15. 2016/17 and 2017/18 to date.**

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3. **Please provide the total number of bed days taken by the above patients during the same time scale.**

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4. Please provide the estimated average cost to the hospital/trust of an attendance at A&E?

The estimated average cost to the Trust of an attendance at A&E in 2015/16 is £146.

5. Please provide the estimated average cost to the hospital/trust of a day in a ward bed.

The full cost to the Trust relating to a patient who is in hospital for a day is £760.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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