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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked

I would like to make a new request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), asking for the number of episodes that, when coded, have been given a specific diagnosis/procedure code. This information is usually obtained from your coding department. I believe this should be electronically searchable, so should easily fall within time limits of the FOIA.

Request:

Between 1st October 2015 and 31st March 2018, please can you tell me the number of episodes from all hospitals in your trust that have been coded with:

1) Any diagnosis from the category Z38 (ie Z38.0 – Z38.8, I believe obtained by searching for Z38.X, but local procedures may vary). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. - **6804**

Explanation: This is looking at the number of live births in the time period in your trust.

2) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given the diagnosis code P39.9. This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. - **2**

Explanation: This is looking at the number of the above patients who were screened and treated for sepsis, without diagnosed bacteraemia.

3) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given a diagnosis from the category P36 (ie P36.0 – P36.9, I believe this is searched for by P36.X). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. - **299**

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who had a bacterial sepsis.

4) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has the procedure code A55.8 or A55.9. - **173**

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who have had a lumbar puncture, an investigation for meningitis.

5) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has any diagnosis from the category G00, G01, G02, or G03. These diagnoses could be in any position, principle or secondary. - [12](#)

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who actually were diagnosed with meningitis.

Notes to help complete request:

For each of 1) 2) 3) 4) and 5), you only need to provide one number for the number of episodes for each; they do not need to be broken down in to subcategories. If any of the answers is zero, please state as such (or state you do not hold any information on it). Kindly note this information is not publicly available from other sources, including NHS Digital.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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