

Date: **14 October 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5447**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we would like to request the information contained in the attached document.

Please see template attached for your completion.

Your Attachment - Word document titled “2019-07 UK – EXAM – RSV HES Data Project – FOI Form – Final”

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the ‘Trust’) is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust.

- Please complete the number of patients treated with Synagis (palivizumab) in the grid below. Please note that the total number of patients (A to E) in each column must add to total patients in the last row in the corresponding column.*

<i>Patients / babies treated with Synagis in the last three years</i>	<i>Total number patients treated with Synagis (Palivizumab) <u>April 2018 to March 2019</u></i>	<i>Total number patients treated with Synagis (Palivizumab) <u>April 2017 to March 2018</u></i>	<i>Total number patients treated with Synagis (Palivizumab) <u>April 2016 to March 2017</u></i>
<i>A. Total number of patients with BPD / CLD diagnosis</i>	6	10	9

B. Total number of patients with CHD diagnosis	<5**	<5**	<5**
C. Total number of <29wga (without BPD/CHD diagnosis)	0	0	0
D. Total number of multiple births immunised (without BPD/CHD diagnosis)	n/a	n/a	n/a
E. Other patients (please specify: _____ SCID _____ _____)	<5**	<5**	7
Total number of patients ¹	14	16	17

BPD: bronchopulmonary dysplasia; CLD: Chronic Lung Disease; CHD: congenital heart disease

Please note** The Trust is withholding information where the number of patients is 5 or less (<5). Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is withholding this information in order to reduce the risk of identifying an individual. The Trust is of the view that in providing this information it would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified. The Trust believes that Sections 40(2) is applicable in withholding the information that is considered to be a breach of their rights under the Data Protection Act DPA) 2018. The grounds for applying this exemption are as follows:

- In the context of your request, this data is third party information. The Trust categorises the information about our patients' health as information falling within paragraph (e) of the definition of "sensitive personal data" in s.2 of the DPA 2018. As such, Section 40(2) of the FOIA applies to this information, as does the Trust's duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2(3)(f)(ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principles.

- The Trust has a duty under the DPA 2018 and the First Data Protection Principle to process personal data regarding the Trust’s patients fairly and lawfully and, in particular, not process data unless at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 DPA is met, and in the case of sensitive personal data, at least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 DPA is also met.
- The Act has defined “sensitive personal data” to include data on the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person (s.2)(e) DPA). Any medical information about specific individual falls within this category and disclosure of this data to a FOI applicant would be processing sensitive personal data of those patients.

In line with the guidance from the Information Commissioner’s Office based upon the requirements of the Data Protection Act the Trust has considered first whether it would be “fair” to process and disclose the requested information, and whether it would be lawful to disclose the requested information before considering whether any Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 conditions have been met. Disclosing medical information to the public regarding the Trust’s patients is likely to lead to emotional distress of the patients and their families. It is also the Trust’s position that there is a reasonable expectation on the part of the Trust’s patients and their families that their sensitive personal data would not be disclosed to FOI applicants.

A breach of this expectation would have the effect of the data being processed unfairly. The information that forms part of the medical records of an individual is therefore implicitly confidential. The courts and the Information Commissioner have long recognised the strong public interest inherent within keeping confidential medical information confidential. The Trust holds the view that Section 41 (1) of the FOIA is applicable for the reasons that: the information was obtained by the Trust; it has the necessary quality of confidence (being neither generally accessible nor trivial); and disclosure of this information to an FOI applicant would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence.

2. *Please advise which OPCS codes are used within your Trust to code respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) prophylaxis treatment.*

Code Description	Used within Trust to indicate patient received RSV prophylaxis treatment? Yes/No

<i>X86.5 Respiratory syncytial virus prevention drugs band 1</i>	Yes
<i>X44.2 Intramuscular injection of vaccine</i>	N/A
<i>Other (if not listed above, please specify code(s)):</i>	N/A

If your Trust does not provide RSV prophylaxis treatment and you refer your patients to another Trust, please state to which Trust(s) patients are referred
N/A

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

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