

Date: **24 February 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5667**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Your Request

I would like to know how many children have died from Invasive pulmonary Aspergillosis from 1st January 2010 - 1st January 2020 at GOSH.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') does not centrally record the information you have requested. However, we have carried out reasonable enquiries with our Information Services to conduct a search based on the count of all patients with a diagnosis of Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis within their hospital spell, whereby the method of discharge where the 'patient died' was the outcome using the diagnosis codes "B440 Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis" and "J998 Respiratory disorders in other diseases classified elsewhere" covering NHS, private and overseas patients. The number of deaths were so few in number that disclosure of this information could potentially identify third party individuals and contravene their rights under the Data Protections Act (DPA) 2018. Please see note below**

Please note: **Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is withholding this information under Section 40(2)(Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 in order to reduce the risk of identifying the personal data of third party individuals; whereas to disclose this information we believe that it would significantly increase the risk of identifying individuals.

The Trust also has a duty of confidentiality when information has been provided in confidence for the reasons the information was obtained by the Trust, which has the necessary quality of confidence (being neither generally accessible nor trivial) and disclosure of this information to the public would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence under Section 41(1) of the FOIA. A breach of this expectation would have the effect of the information being processed unfairly regarding the personal data and confidentiality relating to third party information. Your request is therefore exempt under both Section 40(2) and Section 40(1) of the FOIA.

Please note:

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

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. 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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Your Rights

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
LONDON
WC1N 3JH

If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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Water Lane
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