

Date: **17 June 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5781**

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 and Our Response (in Bold)

Please see our response (in bold) to your request for information provided by Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust'):

I am conducting some research into a publicity/policy campaign and I have a rather indelicate request. Can you tell me how many diagnoses of childhood cancer (Under 16) have were recorded by Great Ormond Street Hospital as a Principal Treatment Centre between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2019? I need the information broken down by the Parliamentary Constituency they were registered as living in at the time of their diagnosis. I do not need any specific information just the raw numbers please.

Here are the list of Parliamentary Constituencies that appear to come under your purview:

Essex
Basildon and Billericay
Brentwood and Ongar
Castle Point
Chelmsford
Epping Forest
Harlow
Maldon
Rayleigh and Wickford
Rochford and Southend East
South Basildon and East Thurrock
Southend West
Thurrock

London
Barking
Battersea
Beckenham



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Bermondsey and Old Southwark
Bethnal Green and Bow
Bexleyheath and Crayford
Brent Central
Brent North
Brentford and Isleworth
Bromley and Chislehurst
Camberwell and Peckham
Carshalton and Wallington
Chelsea and Fulham
Chingford and Woodford Green
Chipping Barnet
Cities of London and Westminster
Croydon Central
Croydon North
Croydon South
Dagenham and Rainham
Dulwich and West Norwood
Ealing Central and Acton
Ealing North
Ealing, Southall
East Ham
Edmonton
Eltham
Enfield North
Enfield, Southgate
Erith and Thamesmead
Feltham and Heston
Finchley and Golders Green
Greenwich and Woolwich
Hackney North and Stoke Newington
Hackney South and Shoreditch
Hammersmith
Hampstead and Kilburn
Harrow East
Harrow West
Hayes and Harlington
Hendon
Holborn and St Pancras
Hornchurch and Upminster
Hornsey and Wood Green
Ilford North
Ilford South

Islington North

Islington South and Finsbury
Kensington
Kingston and Surbiton
Lewisham East
Lewisham West and Penge
Lewisham, Deptford
Leyton and Wanstead
Mitcham and Morden
Old Bexley and Sidcup
Orpington
Poplar and Limehouse
Putney
Richmond Park
Romford
Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner
Streatham
Sutton and Cheam
Tooting
Tottenham
Twickenham
Uxbridge and South Ruislip
Vauxhall
Walthamstow
West Ham
Westminster North
Wimbledon

Our Request for Clarification

We requested clarification on what you meant by “ Principal Treatment Centre” and we also stated that the Trust does not collate information regarding Parliamentary Constituencies therefore we may not be able to identify them as outlined in your request. It is also likely that if we did the , it’s quite possible that the figures would be fewer than 5 in most constituencies, therefore we would not be able to disclose this information by virtue of Section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act, due to the risk of identification of an individual(s).

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

Great Ormond Street Hospital is a Principal Treatment Centre of the Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG). I thought this might help in gathering such data as each Principal Treatment Centre has subsidiary “Shared Care Units” For GOSH, those Shared Care Units are listed below.

- Barking Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (Includes Queens Hospital Romford)
- Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust
- Barts and the London NHS Trust
- Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Chelmsford (Broomfield Hospital – Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust)
- Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Ealing Hospital NHS Trust
- The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust
- St Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- Newham University Hospital,
- North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust
- Northwick Park, North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
- The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust (Harlow)
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Welwyn Garden City (East and North Herts NHS Trust)
- Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- St Marys Hospital (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust)
- Watford General, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust
- Whipps Cross University Hospital NHS Trust
- The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust

I appreciate there may be difficulties in identifying such data and if there is I would fully understand but also would also like the data as locally as possible.

It is statistically unlikely that many constituencies would return less than five cases, in fact the purpose of this campaign is to dispel the myth that childhood cancer is rare because it is quite common. However, if you do return any constituencies with less than 5 cases I would understand.

Please see the attached spreadsheet “FOIRQ5781 Response Data” which contains information broken down by Clinical Commission Groups within London

Please note: **Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the ‘Trust’) is unable to respond to information where there have been fewer than five data subjects (<5) covering the time period you have specified. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 in order to reduce the risk of identifying third party individuals.**

The Trust believes providing this information would significantly increase the risk of third party individuals being identified. The Trust believes that Section 40(2) of the FOIA is therefore applicable for withholding the information where the disclosure of personal data could contravene their rights under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.

The Trust also has a duty of confidentiality and holds the view that Section 41(1) of the FOIA, where information has been provided in confidence, is applicable for the reasons that the information which was obtained by the Trust, 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 of confidentiality 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 Section 40(2) and Section 41(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, 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
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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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