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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I'm writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the rate of sodium nitrite poisoning in your hospital trust.

Please note I am asking about sodium **nitrite**, not sodium **nitrate**.

For the past five years, up to and including 6 February 2025, I'd like to know the following:

How many **cases** of sodium nitrite poisoning were there?

Please break this down into cases of a) intentional poisoning (eg suicide) and b) unintentional poisoning.

Of the cases of sodium nitrite poisoning, how many of them were administered Methylene Blue?

How many **deaths** were there where sodium nitrite poisoning was listed as the, or a, cause of death?

Please break this down into how many deaths were caused by a) intentional poisoning (eg suicide) and b) unintentional poisoning.

Of the deaths caused by sodium nitrite poisoning, how many of them were administered Methylene Blue?

Please provide the information as an Excel spreadsheet.

- The Trust is unable to provide information on sodium nitrite as there is no specific clinical code for us to run a report on.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust