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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012331 – Hypothermia

Please can you know us how many inpatient admissions from 1st September 2014 to 31st March 2015 were associated with hypothermia?

We are currently looking at assisting the elderly to live independently in the Dudley Borough and ensure they are safe and warm over the winter months, and hopefully reduce the rate of admissions due to hypothermia to Secondary Care.

Please see below a previous FOI response that was sent out re hypothermia.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you supply a figure for the number of patients in Intensive Therapy Units in your Trust who were offered hypothermia therapy in (a)2013/14 and (b) 2014/15? The relevant OPCS code is X51.1.

The following numbers of patients were clinically coded as undergoing hypothermia therapy OPCS code X51.1

2013-14 = 16

2014-15 = 16

Could you in your response, please also explain how many of these patients in each year were cooled via Surface cooling and how many by non surface (invasive) cooling

There is no code for Surface cooling or non surface cooling so we are unable to run a report to get this information. The only code we have is for 'active' cooling