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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013203 – People presenting to A&E with flu

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information 2000.

Please tell me:

a) How many people were admitted to Accident and Emergency with flu in each calendar year: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and; 2016.

b) What is the total financial cost for people presenting with flu at Accident and Emergency in each calendar year in answer to Question A. Please provide this information broken down by calendar year, as follows: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and 2016. This should include all costs incurred to treat the illness during the patients stay at the hospital, including all staff salaries and any other medical treatment costs.

Accident and Emergency clinical coding does not allow the specific identification of 'flu' or 'influenza' as the reason for ED attendance, therefore the Trust cannot answer this request.