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Russell's Hall Hospital  
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West Midlands  
DY1 2HQ

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**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

I would like to request a breakdown of how many times have pests been reported on Trust property in 2021/22, 2022/23 and so far in 2023/24? If applicable, please could you provide which pests those were, and in which locations they were found?

I would also like to request how much the Trust spent on pest control in each of the three financial years mentioned.

**Response**

<p>1. I would like to request a breakdown of how many times have pests been reported on Trust property in 2021/22, 2022/23 and so far in 2023/24?</p> <p>If applicable, please could you provide which pests those were, and in which locations they were found?</p>	
2021/2022	45
2022/2023	43
2023/2024 (so Far)	31
	<p>In those instances, the pests were either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rats</li> <li>2. Mice</li> <li>3. Pigeons</li> <li>4. Garden Ants</li> </ol> <p>Generally, the activity is noted around the perimeter of the grounds, but sometimes this can occur around the perimeter of the building.</p>
2. I would also like to request how much the Trust spent on pest control in each of the three financial years mentioned.	<p>Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust operates a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Contract. The hospital buildings are not owned by the Trust but by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd who the</p>

	<p>Trust has the PFI contract with. The contract allows the Trust to use the buildings to provide its clinical services. Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd are responsible for providing all of the estates and facility management services to ensure the buildings are always available for use.</p> <p>The Trust is contracted with Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Limited to provide the FM services in partnership with its FM Service Provider. Costs are paid by our PFI Partner as part of a comprehensive Facilities Management Service of which Pest Control is one of the services.</p>
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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**