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 Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 02/08/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following data:

- The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely June 2024). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures.

Data Tables Example:

2017												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2018												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2019												

	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2020												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2021												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2022												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August				
Number of oral cancer referrals.												

2023												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.												

2024												
	Janua ry	Februa ry	Marc h	Apr il	Ma y	Jun e	Jul y	Augu st	Septemb er	Octob er	Novemb er	Decemb er
Numbe r of oral cancer referral s.							x	x	x	x	x	x

Response

The Trust only has full clinical coding data available up to the end of May 2024, therefore, figures have only been provided up to that point.

The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of oral cancer referrals over the years requested is less than 5, therefore, Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.

2017												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	< 5	< 5	< 5	5	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	< 5	< 5

2018												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

2019												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	0

2020												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

Number of oral cancer referrals.	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	0	0	< 5
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2021												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	< 5	< 5	5	0	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	< 5	< 5	6	< 5

2022												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	6	< 5	< 5

2023												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	6	5	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5

2024												
Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of oral cancer referrals.	5	5	< 5	6	5							

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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust