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Russells Hall Hospital
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West Midlands
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Date: 15.5.25

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 submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.

Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2020 and the most recent date for which data is available.

Please could you provide the following:

1. A yearly breakdown of the number of cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.

- **A report has been run for patients admitted to hospital using the following clinical codes:-**

T62.0 Ingested mushrooms

T62.1 Ingested berries

T62.2 Other ingested (parts of) plant(s)

T62.8 Other specified noxious substances eaten as food

T62.9 Noxious substance eaten as food, unspecified

- **The total number for the years requested is less than 5 (<5) so as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.**

2. The type of wild food that caused the food poisoning (for example: fungi, plant, berries, etc...). Please include the specific species if known.

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3. The symptoms experienced by the patient and the recovery time (for example: overnight stay or discharged within a couple hours)

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4. The location where this food was picked.

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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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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**