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Date: 12th September 2025

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

As part of our service mapping project, we are seeking information about how syncope and unexplained loss of consciousness are managed within your Trust.

We understand there may not be a standalone “syncope/loss of consciousness” service. If this is the case, we would appreciate if the following services were contacted for the purpose of this FOI request:

- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Emergency Department

1. How many patients were presented to your department over the last three financial years, coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC)?

2. Of the above patients, how many were admitted to the hospital ward for further assessment?

3. How many were discharged on the same day following a period of observation?

Please see below for responses to questions 1,2 and 3. This data has been gathered looking at the ‘Presenting Free Text’ reason for the patients attendance in ED (searched for terms ‘blackout’, ‘consciousness’, ‘faint’, ‘loc’, ‘syncope’ and ‘TLOC’), then looking at how many of these patients were admitted and then counting non-admitted patients as those with a length of stay of less than a day

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1. How many patients were presented to your department over the last three financial years, coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC)?	1282	1442	1654
2. Of the above patients, how many were admitted to the hospital ward for further assessment?	408	528	615
3. How many were discharged on the same day following a period of observation?	321	431	509

4. Do you have a local syncope management/referral pathway being actively utilised by clinicians?

No

5. Do you have a syncope unit attached to ED or somewhere within your hospital?

No

6. If yes, which business unit/department is your syncope unit located in? E.g. cardiology, neurology

NA

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

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