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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 October 2025 (or for as much of this period as your records allow). Please note, I want total figures not an annual breakdown, please.

1. Please tell me how many people were admitted to hospitals in your trust where a primary diagnosis of ICD-10 codes J45–J46 (asthma) was recorded.

For clarity, this includes: J45 – Asthma, J45.0 – Predominantly allergic asthma, J45.1 – Non-allergic asthma, J45.8 – Mixed asthma, J45.9 – Asthma, unspecified, J46 – Status asthmaticus (severe, life-threatening asthma attack unresponsive to standard treatment)

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1a. If possible, please provide the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) of residence for these patients.

If LSOA data are not held, please provide the postcode sectors instead.

Row Labels	Count of SpellNumber
Birmingham	46
Bromsgrove	43
Dudley	2616
NULL	11
Sandwell	612
South Staffordshire	140
Walsall	12
Wolverhampton	76
Wyre Forest	81
Shropshire	9
Other	39

1b. If possible, please indicate how many of these patients had ICD-10 code Z58.1 (Exposure to air pollution) recorded as a contributing factor.

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1c. If possible, please indicate how many of these patients were children (under 18) and how many were adults.

0-18	18+
571	3114

2. Of the patients identified in question 1, please state how many subsequently died in hospital. (I understand these deaths may not necessarily be related to asthma.)

- related to this spell only. Where a patients discharge method is 'deceased'. <5

2a. If possible, please indicate (separately from 1a) the LSOAs - or postcode sectors if LSOA data is not held - of residence for these patients.

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2b. If possible, please indicate how many of these patients were children (under 18) and how many were adults.

- <5

3. Please provide an ethnicity breakdown of all patients identified in question 1.

Ethnic Category	Count of SpellNumber
99	63
A	2804
B	<5
C	32
D	35
E	<5
F	<5
G	13
H	89
J	285
K	<5
L	70
M	43
N	28
P	13
R	<5
S	19
Z	175

4. Please provide an ethnicity breakdown of all patients identified in question 2.

- <5

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.

To protect patient identities while still allowing meaningful analysis, please provide aggregated data for the total period (rather than annual breakdowns).

If any categories produce very small numbers, please group ethnicities into higher-level categories as follows (using NHS England Digital's national codes):

White: A, B, C -
Mixed: D, E, F, G
Asian or Asian British: H, J, K, L
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Black or Black British: M, N, P
Other ethnic groups: R, S
Not stated or not known: Z, 99

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

Yours sincerely

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The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust