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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

**Request**

Please answer the following two questions giving numbers for each of the following financial years (i) 2020/21, (ii) 2021/22, (iii) 2022/23, (iv) 2023/24 and (v) 2024/25

1. How many people were (a) treated by your trust where the external cause of them being admitted was recorded as X31 Exposure to excessive natural cold.
2. Of the people referred to in Question 1 how many of them were logged where any of their diagnosis codes (either primary diagnosis or a secondary diagnosis) were (a) any form of pneumonia, or (b) T68 X hypothermia.

If possible I would ask you to EXCLUDE those where the person was recorded as being homeless in that they did not have a home to live in. This exemption should not be extended to people described as NFA in that they lived in a home although did not necessarily have a fixed/permanent address.

Please state whether you have been able to exclude homeless people from the figures or not.

**Response**

Please see table below showing answers for Q1 and Q2 for financial years 20/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25.

Where there are less than 5 results the data has been anonymised.  
 To publish low numbers could lead to the identification of the persons involved which could cause harm and/or distress to them or their family and friends, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Act is applied

Patients who were recorded as being homeless have been removed from the figures as requested

Year	Total coded with X31%	Pneumonia	Hypothermia	Both
2020/2021	<5	<5	<5	<5
2021/2022	<5	0	<5	0

2022/2023	0	0	0	0
2023/2024	<5	0	<5	0
2024/2025	7	<5	<5	<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.

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

Yours sincerely

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