

Freedom of Information Request - 1538

In your request you asked for the following information: -

1. The total estimated cost of responding to Freedom of Information requests in each financial year since the act's introduction
2. The total number of requests received in each financial year since the act's introduction including where possible the total requests answered in full, the total answered partially and the total refused
3. The current number of FTE posts for which the primary function is to oversee, respond to or coordinate obligations under the Freedom of Information Act

In response to the above: -

1. The Trust does not record specifically the cost of Freedom of Information requests. The Information Governance Department manages Freedom of Information Requests as part of its wider remit. However requests have contributions from other departments across the Trust, therefore it is not possible to quantify the overall cost to the Trust.
2. Please see the table below

Request Response	Financial Year							
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Answered in full	-	-	-	-	-	97	200	207
Answered in part	-	-	-	-	-	23	54	48
Totally refused	-	-	-	-	-	33	50	24
Other	1	3	5	4	4	10	13	31
Not recorded	9	70	75	207	235	125	-	-
Total	10	73	80	211	239	288	317	310

3. The Trust currently has 0.8 WTE posts for which the primary function is to oversee, respond to or co-ordinate obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss your request further. If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal. In the first instance, please contact the Trust's Governance Manager who will initiate an internal review. The Trust will then review its decision and respond to your appeal, as soon as possible, but within 20 working days. If, following the review, you are still not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, or if you are unhappy with our response, then under Section 50 of the Act, you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner.