

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**

**Date Request Received: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**FOI Ref No 28911**

**Requested Information:**

The number of A&E attendances for which “ketamine” was recorded – either in the patient notes or in the free text field “reason for visit”.

Could you please provide me with these figures for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 [most up-to-date figure available]:

Could you please break down these figures by age group.

**Response:**

Unfortunately, this information is not held centrally. It would require a manual review of all admissions to see whether “Ketamine” was recorded in the medical notes as a reason for visit. Please see below for more information.

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Further to your request for information dated **20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, I can confirm that the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust holds information that falls within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the costs of complying with your request would exceed the cost limit. The cost limit is specified in regulations and for the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust this is set at £450. The cost limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 working hours in determining whether the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust hold the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request, and we will not be processing your request further. **The information you have requested is not held centrally and therefore it would require a manual review to collate this information.**

There is no way to narrow the scope of the manual search that would be required to determine what is being asked. I have therefore estimated that it would exceed the appropriate limit to proceed with your request.

I apologise that we are unable to fully assist you in this instance.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Information Governance Manager, Kedhlow Building, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LJ or e-mail [rch-tr.FOI@nhs.net](mailto:rch-tr.FOI@nhs.net)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Royal Cornwall Hospital.

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**Attachment(s):**

No Attachments

**Date Response sent: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**