

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 30th May 2025

FOI Ref No 29011

Requested Information:

1. The number of patients referred to your Trust for Overactive Bladder (OAB) in each of the past five calendar years, from 2020 to 2025 (year to date). Please include both internal referrals within the Trust and external referrals from primary care or other organisations.

Please provide the information broken down by calendar year.

2. The number of patients treated for OAB using each of the following modalities in each calendar year from 2020 to 2025 (year to date):
 - a. Intradetrusor botulinum toxin (Botox) injections
 - b. Sacral nerve stimulation (SNS) or tibial nerve stimulation (TNS)
3. Please provide this data broken down by year and treatment type.

If available, please also include whether any patients received both treatments concurrently or sequentially.

Response:

1. Unfortunately, the diagnosis of Overactive Bladder (OAB) is not specifically coded for by the trust. Therefore, we cannot provide an response without doing a manual review of patients under the service to identify why they were referred. This would exceed the cost limit due to the time it would take. Please see below.
2.
 - a) Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT) records Botox prescriptions and administrations but are unable to identify whether it was given for an OAB diagnosis as it is not specifically coded for. The only way to identify whether the Botox was administered as a treatment for OAB would be to manually review the prescriptions. This would exceed the cost limit due to the time it would take. Please see below.

- b) This is not applicable as RCHT does not provide this service.
3. As the data cannot be provided, as per the responses to questions 2a and 2b, it cannot be broken down. Therefore, we cannot provide a response to this question.

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Further to your request for information dated **30th 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 would therefore require a manual review in order to collate the data.**

We cannot identify a 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, Knowledge Spa, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3LJ or e-mail rch-tr.FOI@nhs.net

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