

20th January 2014

Our Ref: FOI 2014/001

Following your request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000 which we received on 2nd January 2014 we are providing you access to information as held by Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

In your query, you requested the following information for which corresponding responses have been provided.

- 1) The total number of units/departments in hospitals covered by the Trust.
All our clinical services and departments details have already been in public domain via the Trust's website. Please see the following links.

<http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/services>

<http://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/your-visit/wards-and-departments/wards-and-departments>

- 2) The number of units/departments in the Trust that as of December 2013 currently use glutaraldehyde for sterilisation purposes.

There are no departments in the Trust which use the named chemical for high disinfection purposes. In addition, the named chemical has not been used for more than 7 years.

- 3) The number of units/departments in the Trust where glutaraldehyde has been used for sterilisation purposes in the last five years.
Same as above

- 4) The total number of NHS staff working within the Trust for the last five years (please provide each year separately).

More than 3,000 staff work for the Trust including staff employed directly by the Trust, facilities staff employed by contractors, and hospital volunteers.

- 5) The total number of NHS staff who have taken one or more days sick leave due to respiratory or pulmonary problems per year for the last five years (please provide each year separately).

These are the number of staff for whom at least one sickness was reported to HR as being in the 'Chest & respiratory' category in each of the last 5 years. The increase looks dramatic, but this could be attributed to improved reporting overall, and also more accurate reporting (e.g. not just recorded as 'unspecified'). HR cannot report on the type of respiratory illness (e.g. pulmonary). It is also possible that some of these sickness episodes may have been more accurately as flu for example, but again, the Trust has no way of knowing.

2009 (33), 2010 (34), 2011 (81), 2012 (129) and 2013 (154)

We trust the above information is satisfactory to you.

If you are not happy with the way in which your request has been dealt with or are dissatisfied with this response and wish to appeal, please write to Information Governance Manager at

information.governance@chelwest.nhs.uk . Your complaint will be dealt with through our internal review process.

If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. He can be contacted at casework@ico.org.uk.

Re-use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No.1515 which came into force on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will license the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for a purpose other than which it was originally supplied. However, The Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Yours sincerely

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