

ND ref. **FOI/17/211**

***Freedom of Information***

Thank you for your 17/08/17 request for the following information:

*Please could you supply a figure for the number of patients in Intensive Care in your Trust who were offered hypothermia therapy in each of the following financial years:*

***a) 2015/16***

Answer: ≤5 patients.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles.

In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed. Also note that if only one cell required suppression, at least one other number has been suppressed to avoid calculation of suppressed values from the totals.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

***b) 2016/17***

Answer: ≤5 patients.

Please see response to question 1 above.

*Of these, please supply a figure for the number of patients who received a) surface cooling b) non surface (invasive) cooling or c) Targeted Temperature Management (hypothermia therapy) in each year.*

***a) 2015/16***

Answer: For your information we do not offer non surface (invasive) cooling (b). All of these patients received both surface cooling (a) and targeted temperature management (c).

***b) 2016/17***

Answer: All of these patients received both surface cooling and targeted temperature management.