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Thank you for your request concerning Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

**1. The number of patients who have been taken to the Royal Courts of Justice Court of Protection, to have a DNR placed upon their lives by your hospital.**

We do not hold this information in a reportable format. DNR orders would be held within the individuals file. To establish numbers we would have to manually look at every electronic patient record and this would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450<sup>1</sup>.

For example it would mean looking at approximately 469 in-patient records. It is estimated that it would take approximately 5 minutes to manually search to determine if they have a DNR and then to establish if the courts had been involved i.e. 40 hours @ £25ph = £977.

**2. I would like to know if the patient had a Lasting Power of Attorney and the sex, age, ethnicity of the patients and the length of time each case took & outcomes of each case. From when the hospital opened to the present day.**

Please see the answer to question 1.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

**Sue Smith**  
**FOI/DPA Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click



[here.](#)

<sup>1</sup> Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 'appropriate limit' prescribed in the Fees Regulations.