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Thank you for your request concerning statistics on spiking.

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

Where a freetext search is possible, how many digital discharge summaries included any of the terms “spiked”, “spike” or “spiking” over the past 5 calendar years, and the year to date. Please provide data for each year:-

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2022
- 6) 2023 - latest available data - please specify period

We are unable to provide you with the information requested regarding the number of discharge summaries that include the terms “spiked”, “spike” or “spiking” over the past 5 calendar years because this information is not held in a reportable format.

In order to provide this data would involve reading every discharge summary and manually recording the data. This would invoke S12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

Should you require further clarification, 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

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Information Rights 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](#).

