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Q1 I would like to know the number of people who have volunteered for clinical trials in hospitals looked after by the trust in each of the last 9 complete calendar years (i.e. 2006-2014)

A1 Please see attached. The folder information file reports the number of studies; the recruitment file reports the number of patients recruited. Our records can only take us back to 2009/10 however.

Q2 Could these figures also include the number who went on to take part in clinical trials and the age and sex of all those who volunteered

A2 Information held however we estimate that the time required to collate the information would exceed the appropriate limit set out by the Freedom of Information Act.

As can be seen there are a large number of studies reported (577), each with a separate database and in order to comply each would have to have a different query applied to extract this data, minimum time commitment per study estimated at 30 minutes, a total estimate of 288.5 hours.

Therefore, under Section 12 of the Act the Trust is exempt from disclosing this information.

Q3 For each year I would like to know how many of these participants suffered negative side effects as a result of participation and the number of serious injuries, illness or deaths that occurred as a result of the trials

A3 Please refer to the answer above.

Q4 In the event of serious injuries, illnesses or deaths I would also like to know general details about the clinical trial from which they resulted, and general details of the serious injury or illness they suffered, or circumstances of their death

A4 Please refer to the answer above.

Q5 For each year I would also like to know the total amount of money paid out to volunteers to take part in clinical trials and the amount paid out in compensation

A5 We do not pay money to volunteers to take part in research. We do offer to meet any reasonable travel expenses however. Many patients actually refuse this as they are only too willing to help. No patient has received any compensation for injuries sustained as a consequence of research.