

Title

Diseases, Illnesses & Vaccinations

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

I am writing to request the following data for the last ten calendar years (2013-2023) - if 10 years of data are unavailable, please send for as many years as possible:

1. The total number of reported cases for each of the following diseases within your NHS Trust, broken down by year:

Clarification:

Please could you count each individual patient as one case, regardless of whether they have more than one admission. If a patient has had multiple admissions over several years, please could you record the case against the year of their first admission (so if the same patient was admitted in 2017, 2018, and 2019 this would come under 2017).

Diseases/ illnesses:

- *Gout*
- *Leprosy*
- *Tuberculosis*
- *Measles*
- *Polio*
- *Ricketts*
- *Scarlet Fever*
- *Malnutrition*
- *Whooping Cough*
- *Smallpox*
- *Scurvy*
- *Typhoid*
- *Cholera*
- *Syphilis*
- *Malaria*
- *Typhus*

Answer: Please see table below for Trust response.

The Trust does not hold the data before 2017 in a reportable format.

Please note the following: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to the following diseases:

- Leprosy
- Ricketts
- Smallpox
- Cholera
- Typhus

Diag	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gout	74	72	76	83	42	46	50
Malaria	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5
Malnutrition	12	9	13	14	13	14	10
Measles	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5	0	0	0
Polio	0	0	0	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5
Scarlet Fever	*<5	21	27	9	*<5	25	19
Syphilis	0	*<5	0	*<5	0	0	*<5
Scurvy	0	0	0	0	0	*<5	0
Tuberculosis	7	7	9	*<5	*<5	*<5	9
Typhoid	0	*<5	0	0	0	*<5	*<5
Whooping Cough	*<5	0	*<5	*<5	0	*<5	*<5

2. If applicable, the total number of vaccinations administered for each of the diseases, broken down by year.

Answer: Please see table below for Trust response.

Please note the following: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of information held. This information is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are only able to release information in response to the following vaccinations administered for the following diseases:

	2020 – Oct - DEC	2021	2022	2023
Tuberculosis	40	208	288	356
Measles	*<5	0	*<5	*<5
Polio	364	1632	2183	2739
Whooping cough	369	1653	2238	2749
Typhoid	0	0	0	0

*<5 Section 40 (2) of The Freedom of Information Act.

Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust considers that disclosure of the information risks identifying individuals. The reason for this is that the number of patients for which this applies is very low.

This and the fact that the data requested relates to the RDUH Health NHS Trust only and therefore relates to patients treated in a specific location (rather than covering a larger geographical area), increases the risk of identification or self-identification.

The Trust's view is that s.40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information which could lead to a patient being identified would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.