

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.257
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Thank you for your email received 8 December 2022 requesting information regarding NHS estates.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

1) The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to maintenance or repair works.

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) Yearly for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13
- b) The impacted site
- c) The impacted service area (e.g. surgery, outpatient, inpatient etc.)
- d) The total number of cancelled services due to this

2) The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to estates and infrastructure failures (e.g. damages, equipment deficiencies).

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) Yearly for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13
- b) The impacted site
- c) The impacted service area (e.g. surgery, outpatient, inpatient etc.)
- d) The total number of cancelled services due to this

Unfortunately we are not able to provide a response to your request as this is not information we record and it is not held centrally. In order to ascertain if we hold any relevant information for your request we would have to manually review over 2000 incidents recorded as 'environmental matters' to identify if they fall within the scope of the request. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

I have detailed below the relevant excerpt:

Section 12

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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Due to the number of records that would need to be reviewed; to manually review these records for even just one financial year would exceed the appropriate limit; therefore we cannot see a way to refine the request to bring it within the appropriate limit.