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Address / Email:

Dear

### **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Request**

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please provide the following,*

**1. How many patients within the trust have been infected by NHS blood, blood products or tissue contaminated with HIV or hepatitis C or have developed a chronic infection from blood contaminated with hepatitis B?**

**1a) Of those, how many have died in the last 5 years? Broken down by financial years between April 6 - April 5 (2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)**

**1b) Of those, how many are still living and under the care of the trust?**

**1c) Of those living, what are the ages, ethnicity, gender of the patients?**

### **Response**

There are currently no national standards on how this information would be coded and therefore we are unable to provide this information in a reportable format. We would have to manually check each patient file to obtain the information which would take us beyond the appropriate limit in section 18 of the Freedom of Information Act as well as breach data protection principles as per section 40.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**