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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45055 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

ICD10 and OPCS4 codes

Your request is set out below:

I am making a Freedom of Information Request for both ICD10 first diagnosis discharge codes and cases, and OPCS4 primary procedure codes and cases, recorded per individual hospital in your health authority. I hope you can help me with obtaining the following data. Any information must be totally anonymised; however, I am requesting the name or the postcode of each hospital as it pertains to the data set.

I am requesting the data for the last five calendar years, i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

The suggested data format is in columns:

1. Hospital name or postcode
2. Primary diagnosis ICD-10 3/4 or 5 digits (The ICD 10 data comprises the range A000 to Q999)
3. Number of cases
4. Years

The other data set deals with procedures/surgery:

1. Hospital name or postcode
2. OPCS4: Primary procedure to 4 or more digits
3. Number of cases
4. Years

Please find attached spreadsheet.

Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information, in full. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide

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information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department