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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Bed bug infestations, costs and mattress disposal, 2020–2026

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following from 1 January 2020 to 2 October 2026: 1.) The number of confirmed or suspected bed bug infestations or incidents recorded by the Trust for each year within the specified period. Please provide the data broken down by year.	No incident of bed bug infestations on Trust sites			
2.) The total expenditure incurred by the Trust, where recorded and readily available, in relation to the treatment, control or removal of bed bug infestations or incidents for each year within the specified period. Please provide the data broken down by year. This should include, where recorded and readily available, expenditure relating to: • pest control and eradication; • cleaning or decontamination; • treatment of affected areas; • removal or disposal of mattresses; and • removal or disposal of other affected items.	N/A			
3.) Where recorded and readily available, the number of mattresses removed or disposed of as a result of confirmed or suspected bed bug infestations for each year within the specified period. Please provide the data broken down by year.	N/A			

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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