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### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 24/09/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

**1. The number of urgent mouth cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between August 2019 to July 2020, and August 2020 to July 2021. Broken down in the following ways:**

- **Month-by-month**
- **By gender**
- **By age group**
- **Who the referrals were made by (i.e. Doctor/Dentist/Other health professional)**

The Trust is unable to identify mouth cancer patients at the point of referral, as these are referred as Head and Neck cancer until diagnosis. To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient referrals. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

**2. The number of people that were diagnosed with mouth cancer (C00-C06, C09-C10, C12-C14) in hospitals in your Trust between August 2019 to July 2020, and August 2020 to July 2021. Broken down in the following ways:**

- **Month-by-month**
- **By gender**
- **By age group**

Please see below spreadsheet:



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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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