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Date: 23 December 2019

REQUEST:

1) The total number of cancer patients seeking mental health services under your jurisdiction for each year over the past 10 years.

2) Details on average waiting time that cancer patients have faced while waiting for your services for each year over the past 10 years.

3) Details of the specific ailments cancer patients have been suffering that led them to seek one of your services for each year over the past 10 years.

4) Details of the kind of cancer that each of these patients are suffering, and at what stage of development that cancer is.

OUR RESPONSE: From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, currently £450, as we do not centrally record the information being requested at 1 above and the data we do collect is only reliable from 2014 onwards. However, rather than refusing your request in its entirety we are providing information where it is reasonable to do so.

1. **Please note:** The following data includes only those records where cancer has been coded, so may not reflect the full totals.

   2014 – 110
   2015 – 225
   2016 – 206
   2017 – 169
   2018 – 171
   2019 (to date) - 88

2. Waiting times are published on our Trust website in the Trust Board Reports at: https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/about/trust-board/ In an effort to be helpful, the waiting times as at October 2019 can be found on page 210 of the November Trust Board Papers at: https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Combined-Public-Trust-Board-Papers-3.12.19.pdf

3. And 4. As an integrated mental health, learning disabilities and community health services Trust, we do hold the information you require. However, we believe the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust will hold this information. Contact details about how to make an FOI request to them can be found at: https://www.leicestershospitals.nhs.uk/aboutus/freedom-of-information/