

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-631**

Date 24 October 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1) The number of A&E attendances linked to Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), formerly known as 'legal highs', since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.**

We do not currently have a code for 'legal highs' therefore we are unable to provide this information. I can however provide data on the number of BRI ED attendances based on the number of attendances containing the words "legal high/ NPO/ Novel Psychoactive" in the presenting complaint since January 2012. Please see table one below.

- 2) The number of A&E attendances linked to synthetic cannabinoids, also referred to as Spice or Black Mamba, since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.**

We do not currently have a code for 'SPICE' therefore we are unable to provide this information. I can however provide data on the number of BRI ED attendances based on the number of attendances containing the words "legal high/ NPO/ Novel Psychoactive" in the presenting complaint since January 2012. Please see table two below.

- 3) The number of emergency admissions linked to Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), formerly known as 'legal highs', since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.**

We do not currently have a code for 'legal highs' therefore we are unable to provide this information. I can however provide data on the number of BRI ED admissions based on the number of attendances containing the words "legal high/ NPO/ Novel Psychoactive" in the presenting complaint since January 2012. Please see table one below.

4) The number of emergency admissions linked to synthetic cannabinoids, also referred to as Spice or Black Mamba, since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.

We do not currently have a code for 'SPICE therefore we are unable to provide this information. I can however provide data on the number of BRI ED admissions based on the number of attendances containing the words "legal high/ NPO/ Novel Psychoactive" in the presenting complaint since January 2012. Please see table two below.

Table 1

Month	Total ED attendances	Total Admissions
May-14	**	**
Apr-15	**	**
May-15	**	**
Jul-15	**	**
Oct-15	**	**
Nov-15	**	**
Jan-16	**	**
Apr-14	**	**
Jul-14	**	**
Mar-15	**	**
Jun-15	**	**
Grand Total	19	**

Where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by **. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. There therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

Table 2

Month	Total ED attendances	Total Admissions
May-14	**	0
Feb-15	**	0
Apr-15	**	0
May-15	**	**
Jul-15	**	**
Aug-15	5	**
Sep-15	**	**
Oct-15	5	**
Nov-15	20	8
Dec-15	10	**
Jan-16	18	6
Feb-16	24	5
Mar-16	10	5
Apr-16	23	7
May-16	14	6
Jun-16	**	**
Aug-16	**	**
Sep-16	**	**
Oct-16	**	0
Nov-16	**	**
Dec-16	**	0
Jan-17	**	**
Feb-17	**	0
Apr-17	**	0
May-17	**	**
Jun-17	12	**
Jul-17	12	**
Aug-17	21	8
Sep-17	19	**

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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