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Haemochromatosis

Under FOI legislation please provide me with a breakdown of the number of people within your health these catchment area that you currently have a record of having a diagnosis of Haemochromatosis. If possible please provide a gender and age bracket breakdown as well.

Within Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (BHSCT) we have 950 patients with a diagnosis of hemochromatosis on our nurse lead haemochromatosis data base. However, not all patients will reside within the BHSCT catchment area.

This data base does not allow for a breakdown in age or gender, to undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual trawl of patient records. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

BHSCT has migrated data to EPIC, however this data base is not yet complete and likely to be an underestimate of the total numbers.

Using data from EPIC we have been able to identify the following:

1,489 patients across HSCNI have attended in the last month (January 2026)
Of these, 895 are male and 594 are female – and 237 reside in the BHSCT