

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-698

### Request:

The number of patients admitted with necrotising fasciitis in the last 6 years, including: Patient's age, location of necrotising fasciitis, and patient comorbidities.

### Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

Location:

Diagnosis Site	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
M7268 - NF Other	9	9	5	8	10	17	12
M7265 - NF Pelvic/Thigh	8	17	5	7	6	15	8
M726 - NF Unspecified	3	6	1	10	6	1	2
M7266 - NF Lower Leg	0	0	0	0	8	6	2
M7263 - NF Forearm	0	2	0	0	3	3	2
M7267 - NF Ankle/Foot	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
M7262 - NF Upper Arm	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
M7264 - NF Hand	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	35	11	29	34	42	27

\*up to 20 November 2023

Age:

Age:	0-18	19-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
2017	0	0	2	2	8	9	2	2
2018	0	0	4	5	8	6	12	3
2019	0	0	3	1	8	1	1	2
2020	0	4	1	8	12	2	7	2
2021	0	0	4	4	14	11	8	0

2022	0	3	10	6	20	4	10	2
2023	1	0	2	3	56	5	2	1

Patient comorbidities:

Under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), we are unable to comply with your request as the cost of responding to all parts would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 for NHS bodies. The £450 limit is reached by using a standard charge-out rate of £25 an hour, which equates to 18 hours' work.

The above 198 cases have more than 1,800 secondary diagnoses and to determine each patient's comorbidities will require a clinician to retrieve and review each record and collate the information.

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: 27 NOVEMBER 2023)**

