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I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following information, which concerns your trust's policy to screen appropriate (patients reportable under DoH guidelines) patients admitted to hospital for elective procedures for MRSA.

1. *To date, please estimate the total number of patients that have been screened since 1 April 2009*

| Year | Elective Admissions |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2009/2010 | 22,147 |
| 2010/2011 | 14,683 |
| April, May June 2011 | 3,374 |

The decrease in the numbers of patients screened between 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 is due to the fact that from October 2009 the Department of Health (DoH) asked for the screening figures on first admission only, to be counted.

2. *The number of patients who have been found to be colonised with MRSA since 1 April 2009*

Between the periods April 2009 to June 2011, pre-admission screening has resulted in 463 positive MRSA screens.

3. *The total amount the trust has spent to detect MRSA in patients admitted for elective procedures since 1 April 2009*

The total cost for MRSA Screening in 2009-10 was £312,000 this includes £77,000 spent on reagents.

The figure for 2010-11 was £311,911 this includes £8,200 spent on reagents (which were at reduced prices).