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*Please see [this PDF document](#) which includes all the questions we ask, to help you research your answers.*

*These questions are part of a mapping exercise of epilepsy services in England. We are surveying all clinical commissioning groups, acute trusts, local authorities, as well as people with epilepsy.*

*The results of the survey will be made available to individual health trusts to help inform them about any gaps in service provision. The results of this survey will also allow Epilepsy Action to evaluate epilepsy services available in different parts of the country.*

*Please could you complete the 33 questions in the attached research questionnaire.*

With regard the questions in your attached questionnaire in the first instance, I would like to reassure you that it is the Trust's intention to provide information which is requested by the public under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as long as the information exists and no exemptions apply.

We may hold the information requested in relation to responding to the above questions but this information is not recorded in a way that is easily retrievable. We do not currently have a single document containing the specific data that you have requested and our current systems are unable to provide this data in the exact manner sought. To retrieve and collate the requested information would involve checking against each described item. We have estimated that this would take more than 18 hours involving costs which would exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

The fee limit specified in regulations for NHS trusts represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days (at a rate of £25 per hour) to determine whether the Trust holds the information requested; then locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, in circumstances where the fee limit is likely to be exceeded, then the Trust is not obliged to respond to the request. Accordingly, we are sorry, but on this occasion we will not be processing your request further.

The Trust is currently in the process of recruiting an Epilepsy Nurse Specialist, who, when in place, may be able to assist with providing the information requested.