FOI 3314

Date 09/01/2025

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

1. Total expenditure by the NHS on Botox treatments (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.

BHFT does not administer Botox for cosmetic purposes.

2020/21 – £99,913.88

2021/22 – £228,696.78

2022/23 – £267,104.84

2023/24 - £298,780.71

1. Total number of people that received botox treatments for each financial year

Financial Year Total

2020/21 239

2021/22 344

2022/23 353

2023/24 482

Grand Total 1418

1. A breakdown of the spending on Botox treatments by medical necessity (e.g., for conditions such as chronic migraines, muscle spasms, excessive sweating, etc.) versus cosmetic purposes (if any such spending is applicable).

BHFT does not administer Botox for cosmetic purposes. 95% of the pts treated are under the Neurology specialty and 23% attend a specialist headache clinic.

1. In this breakdown include where on the body the treatment was administered.

Unable to break this information down into the requested level of detail

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 Yours sincerely,

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