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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 18601**

I refer to your email of 31 August requesting information in respect of COPD and asthma.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS West Norfolk CCG and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold information relevant to that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

*Please would it be possible for you to release the most recent figures to us for asthma and COPD amongst the population of Swaffham. If the figures could be broken down into adults and children, that would be very useful.*

### **Response**

During the period 2016/17, 2017/18 and months 1-4 (Apr-Jul) 2018/19, there were a total of 92 individual patients making up 190 inpatient and/or outpatient appointment(s) with a diagnosis of asthma or COPD in the Swaffham (postcode PE37 7,8,9) area.

We have used the ICD-10 codes: (See <http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2010/en> )

- J44 – COPD
- J45 – Asthma
- J46 – Asthmaticus

The only one that identifies exacerbation is J44.1 – Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation.

Statistical data which relate to fewer than 5 people could lead to the identification of individuals, thus breaching Section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 21 of the General Data Protection Regulation. Therefore we consider the breakdown sought exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. To assist you further we can provide the following:

2016/17 –

- adult inpatients = 55
- adult outpatients = 21
- children inpatient/outpatient combined = 8

2017/18 –

- adult inpatients = 59
- adult outpatients = 8
- children inpatient/outpatient combined = 11

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Chair: Dr Paul Williams

Accountable Officer: John Webster

2018/19 –

- adult and children inpatients/outpatients combined = 28  
Grand Total = 190

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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Yours faithfully

**FOI Manager  
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**On behalf of  
NHS West Norfolk CCG**