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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_230_24

You asked:

We want to access data related to malnutrition, by which we mean recorded instances of the following ICD-10 Code Descriptions:

E41.X: Nutritional marasmus, Incl. Severe malnutrition with marasmus Excl. marasmic kwashiorkor

E42.X: Marasmic kwashiorkor Incl. Severe protein-energy malnutrition

E43.X: Unspecified severe protein-energy malnutrition Incl. Starvation oedema

E46.X: Unspecified protein-energy malnutrition Incl. Malnutrition NOS, Protein-energy imbalance NOS

We want the data to cover the period January 1, 2021, to date (including 2024 so far).

For each year we want to know:

1.The total overall number of diagnoses (whether primary or secondary) recorded

We only record a definitive diagnosis for inpatient/daycase episodes via the clinical coding process. Therefore, we are unable to confirm the number of patients diagnosed.

2. The total number of hospital admissions where a primary or secondary diagnosis of one of the above codes is recorded.

2021 - 8

2022 - 11

2023 - 10

2024 to date – *Less than 5

*The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Please note there could be a delay in the code process if this query is run on a future date there may be more patients. A patient could be admitted more than once with the same diagnosis. All admissions have been included.

3. The ages of the youngest and oldest patients in each category (question one and question two) in each year

Please see response to question 1.

With regards to question 2 –. Due to the low numbers and personal ages S40(2) has been applied (as above). However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we have provided below information for each year by age group:

Year	Youngest age group	Oldest age group
2021	45 – 50	80 - 85
2022	10 – 15	75 - 80
2023	10 – 15	80 - 85
2023	60 – 65	80 - 85