

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

**Question 1. How many times has IV Iron been administered each year in the years 2013-2023 within the organisation. For clarity and by way of example, how many times in 2013 was administered (given intravenously) - the same for each of the years thereafter until 2023.**

We can't get administrations as IV iron can be given on our electronic prescribing system and also on paper charts (these can't be counted). The data below is the total number of 1g Iron vials issued. Each issue is equivalent to one administration:

2014	80
2015	214
2016	279
2017	506
2018	711
2019	1071
2020	1127
2021	1455
2022	1836
2023	2314

**Question 2. How many iron extravasations have been reported within your organisation within the 10-year (complete years) period 2013-2023. For clarity, I am asking how many extravasations reports were made, involving iron infusions, between 2013-2023, complete years, January to December in each of those years. I am aware that there is no specific coding for Iron Extravasation. However, the incident forms for each year can be reviewed and if it does not include an IV iron infusion can be excluded - this should take a few seconds per incident form.**

The OPCS procedure code used to reflect an iron transfusion is X29.2. It is important to mention that this code is also used for other infusions and isn't solely used for an iron transfusion.

Anaemia Codes  
D50.-  
D64.-

#### Extravasation

This is coded as T80.8 in a secondary diagnosis position. It is important to mention that this code is also used for other complication of surgical and medical care involving infusions, transfusions and therapeutic injection and as a result will not solely identify extravasation.

#### **Question 3. Are patients given any information leaflets about iron infusions prior to infusion? May I have a copy?**

We do not have any leaflets.

#### **Question 4. Do you have an iron infusion policy - May I kindly have a copy?**

Please see attached document – please note this policy is currently under review.

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Yours sincerely

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