



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 71**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 10/05/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

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You requested:

1. *How many incidents of pest infestations have occurred on Trust property in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*
1. a. *Please give details of the type of pest e.g. rats, cockroaches, flies for those infestations.*
1. b. *Please give details of the types of wards where pest infestations have been found.*
1. c. *Please give details of how they were dealt with if possible.*
2. *How many wards or buildings have been closed as a result of pest infestations in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 ? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*
3. *Does the Trust have an in-house pest control unit?*
4. *How often does the Trust carry out pest control risk assessments or inspections?*
5. *How much money has the Trust spent on pest control in each of the years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16? (If no figures are available for 2015/16 please provide data for five years from 2010/11).*

**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

1. Exemption under Section 21 – Information Accessible by Other Means  
The information you have requested is largely available publicly through other means.

<http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/Downloads/FOI/Disclosures/Documents-for-disclosure-log/FOI-Request-342.pdf>

2014/15  
call outs 18

Wasps x 4  
Ants x 3  
Pigeons x 2  
Flies / cluster flies x 4  
Mice x 3  
Crawling insects x 2

Ward/area: Internal, wards and departments, some external (treatment of ants and wasp nests).

2. None
  3. No
  4. Every two weeks
5. The Trust holds figures in relation to the overall spend on pest control as detailed below. It should be noted that these figures include not only callout fees, but also other costs, such as contract charges and pest control proofing.

2008/09	£11,741.67
2009/10	£16,709.24
2010/11	£33,516.54
2011/12	£10,894.60
2012/13	£15,393.86
2013/14	£16,977.80
2014/15	£16,643.00