Request

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information 2000.

Please tell me:

a) How many people were admitted to Accident and Emergency with flu in each calendar year: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and; 2016.

b) What is the total financial cost for people presenting with flu at Accident and Emergency in each calendar year in answer to Question A. Please provide this information broken down by calendar year, as follows: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and 2016. This should include all costs incurred to treat the illness during the patients stay at the hospital, including all staff salaries and any other medical treatment costs.

Response

The ED data set does not supply (costing) with a means of identifying which patients presented with Flu. The only possible way of finding out would be looking at lists of Patient identifiers, dates of admission and discharge, spell/attendance identifiers. This will require manual interrogation to ascertain. The information required is not readily available nor recorded as per request.