

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

### Reference

16-17230

### Date sent

15/11/2016

### Subject

Pest Control 2014/15 and 2015/16

### Details of enquiry

Dear FOI officer,

Please provide me with the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- How many times did your hospital trust have to call out pest control between the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16?
- Please further detail each specific incident as far as possible? (For example: **what type of pest** was seen: rat; cockroaches; ants' nest etc and **where was it spotted**: staff locker room; electrical cupboard; kitchen; ward)
- Please describe any proofing/housekeeping/hygiene recommendations – and/or precautions to be observed by trust staff - given by pest control contractors to help eliminate causes of infestation.
- Please provide an up-to-date copy of your hospital's pest control policy if you have one.

### Response Sent

Your request for information, as detailed in your email below, has been considered in line with the requirements of the FOI Act 2000, and the information requested is as follows.

1. Q: How many times did your hospital trust have to call out pest control between the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16?  
A: In 2014 one call-out.  
In 2015-16 two call outs.

2. Q: Please further detail each specific incident as far as possible? (For example: what type of pest was seen: rat; cockroaches; ants' nest etc and where was it spotted: staff locker room; electrical cupboard; kitchen; ward)

A: 2014: Squirrels in the roof space

2016: Nest of rats in adjoining grounds (twice)

3. Q: Please describe any proofing/housekeeping/hygiene recommendations – and/or precautions to be observed by trust staff - given by pest control contractors to help eliminate causes of infestation.

A: In all cases we closed off/reinforced barriers at entry points. No other precautions advised by pest control company.

4. Q: Please provide an up-to-date copy of your hospital's pest control policy if you have one.

A: The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist mental health Trust which provides outpatient psychotherapy services only. The Trust has no hospitals and does not provide inpatient services. Pest control is not a major problem at this Trust and we do not have a pest control policy.

Information about the Trust can be found on [www.tavistockandportman.nhs.uk](http://www.tavistockandportman.nhs.uk)

If you wish to discuss any of the above please contact me, quoting the reference details in the subject header of this email.