

FOI_1613_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning IV Iron Leaflet and IV Iron Policies.

Please be advised, with regards to the questions below, Solent NHS Trust does not administer IV iron products and has never done and therefore are unable to answer these questions.

I wish to make a formal FOI request. I am writing an academic paper, and I would be grateful for some information about iron (IV) infusions and iron extravasation. As you know, IV Iron extravasation occurs when the IV iron solution leaks (or infiltrates) outside of the cannula and the venous system into the surrounding tissue.

To date, we have worked with various organisations who have been able to look at their incident forms to identify these cases. As a senior nurse, I am aware this should take a minute (max) to review each incident form to ascertain if the incident involved the administration of IV Iron.

To sum up. I am looking at a 10-year period (2013-2023). I am looking to discover how many times IV Iron is administered, how many times an extravasation injury occurs and lastly what information patients are given prior to the transfusion and what policies are in place.

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 3. Are patients given any information leaflets about iron infusions prior to infusion? May I have a copy?**
- 4. Do you have an iron infusion policy - May I kindly have a copy?**