

FOI 025/2025 Response

Request

Dear Information Officer,

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.

Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2020 and the most recent date for which data is available.

Please could you provide the following:

- a. A yearly breakdown of the number of cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.**
- a. The type of wild food that caused the food poisoning (for example: fungi, plant, berries, etc...). Please include the specific species if known.**
- a. The symptoms experienced by the patient and the recovery time (for example: overnight stay or discharged within a couple hours)**
- a. The location where this food was picked.**

We would **define 'wild or foraged' foods** to be either:

- a. Wild, naturally growing food which was picked and consumed by an individual**
- a. Wild, naturally growing food which was consumed by an individual, but was served in a restaurant environment, having been picked in the wild within the UK.**

If you need to carry out a key terms search to locate these records, please include the terms "foraged", "foraging", "wild food", "forager", "wild ingredients". If you would document these cases in another way, please include these results as per the spirit of my request.

Response

The Trust is unable to provide a response to your request for information.

This is because we do not capture the data at the level of detail requested.

Obtaining the requested information will require you exhaustive and manual searches through a large cohort of data, exceeding the threshold of this task.

The Trust therefore rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

Please also note that we do not provide wild food.