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REQUEST

- i) In the last calendar year (2020) how many times did you call out a specialist pest control agency to deal with pest/rodent incidents at any of your hospital premises?
- ii) For the month of May 2020 and the month of November 2020 please provide me with copies of any reports that were completed by any pest control worker/agency explaining what the problem was, where it was and how they dealt with it.

RESPONSE

- i) From January to December 2020 St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust requested our Pest Control Contractor to attend on 96 Occasions, covering the Trust premises (3 hospitals and a number of community premises)
- ii) There were a total of 3 visits in May 2020 and November 2020 relating to ants, flies and fleas in different parts of the hospital buildings. Insecticide was used on all three occasions.

The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43.2 of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.