



**By email**

Our ref: 25/01/sr/555

9 February 2015

Dear

**Re: Rotavirus Statistics**

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2015 in which you asked for statistics on the number of infant hospitalisations and deaths as a result of rotavirus in the United Kingdom, pre- and post-introduction of the new vaccination schedule in 2013.

Your letter has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) holds some of the information you have specified.

Officially, PHE does not collect data on rotavirus hospitalisations. This information is found within the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) dataset under the care of the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). However, PHE has permission to use extracts from HES to perform analysis relevant to service deliverables. We recently obtained an extract from HES looking at rotavirus hospitalisations. Below, the only information held by PHE relevant to your request, is the number of hospitalisations by epidemiological year (July to June of following year) within HES coded as Rotavirus (according to ICD-10 classification):

Age group	Epidemiological year	Rotavirus coded hospitalisation
<1 year	2010 (July 2010-June 2011)	1165
<1 year	2011	1135
<1 year	2012	1214
<1 year	2013	424

PHE does not hold any data in relation to infant deaths as a result of rotavirus.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing [foi@phe.gov.uk](mailto:foi@phe.gov.uk).

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer