

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-446**

16 August 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do not hold the information you are requesting

**1 – Are your patients coded for the different sub types of MS (multiple sclerosis), Relapse remitting, primary progressive and secondary?**

**Please answer Yes, No, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

**2 – For secondary progressive MS are your patients coded?**

**Please answer No coding, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

**3 – What proportion of your MS patients have a diagnosis of secondary progressive MS (within all MS diagnosed patients?)**

**Please answer Unknown, <10%, 10-20%, 21-30%, 31-40%, >50%**

**4 – For MS patients requiring an MRI, what is the average waiting time?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

**5 – For MS patients requiring an OCT, what is the average waiting time?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

**6 – For MS patients what is the average waiting time for IV MS treatment?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

**7 – When a patient has been diagnosed with MS, what is the average time from diagnosis of MS to initiate treatment?**

**8 – How many unscheduled admissions have there been for patients with a diagnosis of MS in any position between April – June 2021?**

**Please answer with the number of admissions**

**9 – How many MS patients are being treated in neurology rehab?**

**Please answer the number of patients**

**10 – Of the patients in Question 8, how many are being treated with an MS disease modifying drug?**

**Please answer with the number of patients**

**11 – How many MS patients are in the following EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale) groups?**

**1 – 3.5, 3.5 – 6.5, >7**

**12 – How many of your physicians can initiate MS disease modifying drug treatment? If possible please supply the physicians name**

We do not hold this information. Multiple Sclerosis patients are treated at North Bristol Trust, please contact their Freedom of Information team at [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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