

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-495

11 July 2024

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 hold the information you are requesting

Statistics

For clarification, the use of "unique" refers to patients that have received the same diagnosis twice only being counted once.

1. The number of unique patients that have received a diagnosis of Functional Neurological Disorder in total.

4403

2. The same as above but since 2020 (the start of the tax year to the end of this tax year)
1944

3. The total number of unique outpatients seen during the same four year time period

We do not hold this information. Our system does not capture this for outpatient activity.

If your trust has a neurology service or department:

4. If applicable, the total number of outpatients seen for neurology during the same four year time period since 2020.

5520

Reporting

Note: 1a and 2a only apply if the answers to answers 1 or 2 respectively, are negative. I would also be grateful for yes/no answers where applicable.

1. Does the trust routinely record outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder onto their electronic recording system (which can later be queried electronically to ascertain this number)?

No

a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely record this information for outpatients diagnosed with any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke (any kind)?

No

2. Does the trust routinely report the number of outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder to any other body (including NHS England, Government or any other third party) not including third parties which store or manage data on the trust's behalf such as the trust's IT firm. If so, to whom?

No

a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely report this information for any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke?

No

Treatment

The below are only applicable if your trust has a rehabilitation, reablement or neurology service.

the use of "treatment" refers to physiotherapy, psychology, orthosis, orthotics, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, vocational therapy, rehabilitation, holistic services, musculoskeletal injections and/or any other physical intervention. Advice or the provision of information including leaflets, booklets and web links/online content I have not classed as treatment for the purposes of these questions. If the only treatment offered is medication then also please state this.

1. Does the trust routinely provide inpatient treatment for FND?

No

2. Does the trust routinely provide outpatient treatment for FND?

No

3. Are these provided only within the local commissioning area or a nationwide service?

Not applicable

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:

Data Protection Officer
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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