

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-492

17 June 2025

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. I would be grateful if you could send the Trust's most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease including implementation of lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood-based Biomarker testing. Please include planning documents that cover the entire Trust and specific department plans, such as neurology, psychiatry, care of the elderly, pathology or memory clinic teams.
 2. How many patients were diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 codes = G30, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, F00, F00.1, F00.2 or F00.9) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are available?

	Number of patients
Total Alzheimer' Disease	

3. How many patients were diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment and / or Mild Dementia due to Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 codes = G31.84, G30.1, or MMSE scores = 21 to 24) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are available?

	Number of patients
Mild cognitive impairment (ICD-10 = G31.84)	
Early onset Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 = G30.1)	
Mild cognitive impairment (Mini-mental State Examination MMSE = 21 to 24)	

Mild cognitive impairment (<i>other sources of definition</i>)	
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4. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out lumbar punctures (cerebrospinal fluid) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Lumbar punctures carried out within the Trust itself	
Lumbar punctures referred elsewhere and carried out external to the Trust	
Trust does not carry out lumbar punctures to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease	

5. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations to which the Trust refers patients for lumbar punctures in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

Full name of organisation(s)

6. What is the average waiting time for a patient to get an appointment for a lumbar puncture to test for a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease?

	Number
Average waiting time (weeks)	

7. How many lumbar punctures to test for Alzheimer's Disease took place in the last 3-month period for which data are available?

	Number of procedures
Number of lumbar punctures	

8. How many Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to test for Alzheimer's Disease were conducted in the last 3-month period for which data are available?

	Number of tests
Number of Blood-based Biomarker tests (CSF)	

9. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Pathology laboratory within the Trust	
Pathology laboratory external to the Trust	
Trust does not test for BBBMs to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease	

10. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers Blood-based Biomarker tests from cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for pathology in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)

11. What is the average waiting time for pathology results to come back from Blood-based Biomarker tests?

	Days
Average waiting time (days)	

12. To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Implementation of plans has started	
A plan exists and implementation has not started	

A plan is being developed	
There is no plan	
Other – please state	

13. Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease related to:

	Yes / No
Cognitive assessment services	
Biomarker services	
None / neither	

14. Which of the following services does the Trust have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for Alzheimer's Disease?

	Related to administration of lumbar punctures Yes / No	Related to Blood-based Biomarker testing Yes / No
Budget		
People		
Training		
Clinic space / capacity		
Governance arrangements		

We do not hold this information. This service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact FOIArequests@nbt.nhs.uk for further information.

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
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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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