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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4162**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th December 2019.

Your request was as follows:

How many staff do you currently employ to undertake RTT validation tasks?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) we employ 2 members of staff to undertake RTT validation tasks.

How many more permanent or temporary staff are expected to be needed over the next 12 months?

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How many open RTT pathways do you have currently?

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

“(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment...”

The information you have requested is published on NHS England website, please use the following link:  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/#Oct19>

As a result, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you.

How many staff do you currently employ to undertake clinical coding validation tasks?

Here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) we employ 2 members of staff to undertake clinical coding validation tasks.

How many more permanent or temporary staff are expected to be needed over the next 12 months?

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Do you operate and utilise a live bed state system?

No we do not operate and utilise a live bed state system.

Has your organisation implemented any centralised or 24 hour bed management process, or have an automatic electronic utilisation data capture solution.

If so, which processes or solutions are in use?

No we have not implemented any centralised or 24 hour bed management process, or have an automatic electronic utilisation data capture solution.

What is the name, job title, and department contact email address of the primary decision maker for change control of the bed state process?

Lucy Dickinson - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

How many Urgent Care/Emergency Department staff have access to the spine lookup and validation service to verify demographics at the point of patient registration?

The Trust does not have an Emergency Department, all demographics are verified by various supporting administrative functions throughout the Trust at the point of patient registration.

Please see our response above in blue.

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If 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 the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4162 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 Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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