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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 3962

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 25th July 2019.

Your request was as follows:

1. Does The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust diagnose patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we would not receive referrals to treat patients for the condition you have mentioned above.](#)

a. If yes, does your trust diagnose adult patients, paediatric patients or both?

N/A

b. How many patients in the last calendar year have you diagnosed with this condition? Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients.

N/A

c. Which of the following tests/diagnostic procedures do you use at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust in relation to the diagnostics of HoFH? For these tests, which ones are you able to carry out "in house"? Of those carried out elsewhere, where are patients referred to have the testing carried out? For answers please use table below.

N/A

2. Does The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust treat patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N

No

a. If no, please specify where patients diagnosed with HoFH are referred to for treatment. Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible.

N/A

b. If yes, does your trust treat adult patients, paediatric patients or both?

N/A

i. If your trust doesn't treat a subgroup (Adult or Paediatric), to which organisation are this sub group referred to for treatment? Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible.

N/A

c. How many patients in the last calendar year have received treatment for HoFH at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients.

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d. For HoFH patients requiring Apheresis, are you able to carry out this procedure at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? Y/N

No

i. If no, to which organisation(s) do you refer patients to for Apheresis treatment and how many patients are referred to these sites? Please list by trust name and hospital site where available, and where possible/applicable please breakdown patient referrals by Adult and Paediatric.

N/A

ii. If yes, how many HoFH patients in the past calendar year have been treated by Apheresis by The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? Please where possible (and applicable) provide with break down by Adult and Paediatric Patients.

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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