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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4122

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th November 2019.

Your request was as follows:

I am requesting the following information on pain management services you are responsible for, provided either in the hospital or community sector:

1. What is the average waiting time in weeks from referral to an initial appointment with the pain management service you are responsible for?

Here at The Walton Centre Foundation Trust (WCFT) in October 2019 the average wait for an initial appointment with the Pain Management Service was 20 weeks and 2 days.

2. What is the average waiting time in weeks from referral to commencing treatment, ie, referral to treatment (RTT) time?

At The WCFT in October 2019 the average waiting time from referral to treatment (RTT) time for English Patients was 17 weeks and 2 days.

3. Does your pain management service involve a multidisciplinary team (including medical consultants, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists, pharmacists) as recommended by the Faculty of Pain Management's core standards for pain management services in the UK

(<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/document-store/core-standards-pain-management-services-the-uk?>)

Yes The WCFT Pain Management Service does involve a multidisciplinary team.

4. Specifically, which of the above disciplines does the multidisciplinary team include?

This multidisciplinary team includes medical consultants, nurses, physiotherapists, psychologists, occupational therapists.

5. Does your pain management service offer non-drug treatments, including physical and psychological therapies, as recommended by the Faculty of Pain Management's core standards for pain management services in the UK?

Yes The WCFT Pain Management Service does offer non-drug treatments, including physical and psychological



therapies, as recommended by the Faculty of Pain Management's core standards for Pain Management Services in the UK.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4122 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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