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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4041

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

Your request was as follows:

1 Do you hold a regular headache/migraine clinic? If so please give details, including frequency of the clinic.

Yes - We currently hold 6 clinics a week via headache nurse specialist.

2 How many referrals have been made by GPs from North Wales or Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the headache clinic in 2018-19 and 2019-20 (to date)

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information for the amount of referrals into a particular clinic. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

3 What is the current waiting time for new patients to access the clinic?

Current waiting time is at the moment is around 19 weeks. This has increased recently.

4 How many patients with chronic migraine are being managed by the clinic?

Here at The Walton Centre Foundation Trust (WCFT) we don't code for chronic migraines so we have provided the data for those with migraines coded and seen in a headache clinic within the same financial year:

2019/20 data is 1st April 2019 - 31st August 2019:

2018/19 - 1018

2019/20 - 216

5 How is the clinic staffed?

x1 headache Nurse

6 How many migraine specialists are employed by the trust?

x1 Nurse

7 How many neurologists are employed by the trust who see patients with migraine?

x4 specialist's Headache consultants / plus all general neurologist's

8 How many migraine nurse specialists are employed in the NHS trust?

1

9 How many consultant neurology vacancies does the trust currently have?

None.

10 What treatments are routinely available to patients with chronic migraines?

Follow up review / Botox / Nerve blocks / Gammacore (non-invasive Nerve Stimulation) / all recognised headache lifestyle advice and nationally recognised preventative medications and treatments

11 How many consultant neurologists are trained in NHS Botox for migraine in the trust?

3 approximately.

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

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Yours sincerely

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