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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4453

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th September 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. What proportion of emergency department images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the four-hour target* in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination?

* Four-hour turnaround time for emergency department patients in line with In line with NHSE's four-hour A&E wait time standard

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have an Accident & Emergency Department and we do not report on 4 hour turnaround times, therefore we cannot provide this information.

2. What proportion of inpatient images (x-ray, CT, MRI) were reported within the 24-hour target**, in December 2018 and December 2019, categorised by each examination.

** 24-hour reporting turnaround time for inpatient images, corresponding with NHS clinical standards for non-urgent inpatients

December 2018 Inpatient Same Day Turnaround - 67.33%

December 2019 Inpatient Same Day Turnaround - 77.95%

3. How many radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) did your organisation conduct in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020. Please can you provide the total number for each examination category for each year.

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible to you

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as it is already reasonably accessible to you.

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/diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/monthly-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

4. Did you have a backlog of unreported radiology examinations (CT, MRI, x-ray) in 2018, 2019 and the first six months of 2020? Please can you provide the average number of unreported images for each examination category for each year.

4. We report overdue over 30 days at financial year end so please find those figures below for CT, MRI and XRAY:

a. 18/19 - 115

i. 93 Xray

ii. 22 MRI

b. 19/20 - 735

i. 90 Xray

ii. 136 CT

iii. 509 MRI

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4453 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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