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Our Ref: MB/SS FOI 4772

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4772

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th June 2021.

Your request was as follows:

How many clinical negligence claims were made against the Walton Centre from 2015 to 2020?

From January 2015 to December 2020 the The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) has received 126 claims. Not all of these will have resulted in admission and settlement with Damages paid.

How many of the above involved consultant neurosurgeon Zaid Dawood Yacoub Sarsam as a treating clinician for the alleged negligence?

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can neither confirm nor deny that it 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 40 (2) - Third Party Data

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test. This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

How many patient complaints concerned Zaid Dawood Yacoub Sarsam from 2015 to 2020?

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Have any patient complaints / clinical negligence claims concerning Zaid Dawood Yacoub Sarsam ever resulted in action by the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust? E.g., any restrictions or additional training provided.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4772 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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