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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5060

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th February 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many patients have been treated with the following drugs in the past 4 months:

- Erenumab (Aimovig) - any disease
- Fremanezumab (Ajovy) - any disease
- Galcanezumab (Emgality) - any disease
- Botulinum Toxin (i.e., Botox, Dysport, Xeomin) - migraine ONLY

Erenumab - 104 patients treated

Fremanezumab - 544 patients treated

Galcanezumab - 21 patients treated

Botulinum Toxin - 165 patients treated with a diagnosis of Migraine before the Botox procedure.

2. I would like to understand the source of funding of Botox and anti-CGRP monoclonal antibody treatments (Ajovy, Aimovig, Emgality) for migraine. Could you please answer the following questions:

- Does the trust commission/fund Botulinum Toxin treatment for migraine (Y/N)?
- Does the trust commission/fund anti-CGRP treatments for migraine (Y/N)?
- In case the trust actively provides Botulinum Toxin treatment for migraine but does not commission/fund it, then please provide the name(s) of the other NHS organisations that commission/fund these treatments at your trust.
- In case the trust actively provides anti-CGRP treatments for migraine but does not commission/fund them, then please provide the name(s) of the other NHS organisations that commission/fund these treatments at your trust.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) does commission the treatments for Migraine - Botox and anti-CGRP medication. The commissioners pay the WCFT for this, and this is facilitated through the Aintree Pharmacy service i.e. they purchase and the WCFT pay.

- Does the trust commission/fund Botulinum Toxin treatment for migraine (Y/N)? Yes



- Does the trust commission/fund anti-CGRP treatments for migraine (Y/N)? Yes

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

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Yours sincerely

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