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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5067

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 22nd February 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. A monthly breakdown of the total number of MRI scans that Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients have had at The Walton Centre for the following years:

1 January 2018-31st December 2018; 1 January 2019-31st December 2019; 1 January 2020-31st December 2020, 1 January 2021-31st December 2021. Please also provide the total number of MRI scans for January and February 2022.

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as we do not have a way of identifying MS patients specifically scanned as it's not documented in our system, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA 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 FOIA 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.

2. A monthly breakdown of the total number of face-to-face appointments MS patients have had with specialist MS nurses at The Walton Centre for the following years:

1 January 2018-31st December 2018; 1 January 2019-31 December 2019; 1

January 2020-31 December 2020. 1 January 2021-31st December 2021. Please also provide the total number of appointments for January and February 2022.

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet.

Please see attached.

3. The total number of neurology appointments that took place at The Walton Centre or online for those with multiple sclerosis for the following years:

1 January 2018-31st December 2018; 1 January 2019-31 December 2019; 1

January 2020-31 December 2020. 1 January 2021-31st December 2021. Please also provide the total number of appointments for January 2022.

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet.

Please see attached.

4. A yearly breakdown of the total number of MS nurses working at The Walton Centre. Please provide data for:

2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as we do not have a way of identifying MS nurses specifically on ESR, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA 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 FOIA 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.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5067 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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