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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5032

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 25th January 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. The number of people currently waiting for non-urgent hospital treatment

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/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2021-22/>

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

2. The latest copy of the plan to tackle this waiting list (this could be a project plan in gantt chart format or product flow format or it could be an OGIM type document (Objectives, Goals, Initiatives, Metrics))

WCFT can confirm the waiting list is where we would expect it to be compared to our September 2021 position which all Trusts were asked to maintain. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

3. The latest copy of an internal document describing progress against plan to tackle this waiting list

Same as above.

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

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5032 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

Mike Burns

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