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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5237

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5237**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd June 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1.  Approximately (or in average) how many clinical SAR requests your Trust receives per year?

[From 1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021 the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust received 1221 SAR requests.](#)

2.  Does all clinical SAR requests go through the Clinical approval process (or SHT authorisation) before disclosure?

[The WCFT can confirm as part of the subject access request process, every request that is received within the trust is sent for clinical approval before being released.](#)

If yes to Q2, no more questions.

If no, please could we have the following details?

3.  If not, which requests are usually sent for the clinical approval/ SHT authorisation? (e.g. patient with safeguarding issue / MH etc.)

[N/A](#)

4.  Does the SAR officer identify the criteria of the client's clinical approval at the screening status from the system?

[N/A](#)

5.  How do SAR officer screen the patient's status (e.g. alert at the system, or the front page etc.)

[N/A](#)

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

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Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain

circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

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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 5237 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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