

Date: Tuesday, 15th March 2022 Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 5091

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5091

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 07th March 2022.

Your request was as follows:

I am trying to understand the level of clinical trials activity that is taking place in the UK. Specifically can you tell me how many commercial clinical trials have been taking place in this hospital trust during 2021?

This could be completed trials, or trials that are ongoing. When I say "commercial trials", I mean trials that are funded or sponsored by a commercial company such as a pharmaceutical company.

As of December 2021, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) had the following number of commercial clinical trials taking place at the WCFT;

- 4 commercial trials the trust has expressed an interest in participating in
- 8 commercial trials in setup stages
- 12 commercial trials open to recruitment
- 13 commercial trials closed to recruitment and in follow up stages

Please see our response above in blue.

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5091 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







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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* **Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**



