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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5114

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

Your request was as follows:

1. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total spend on opioid analgesic prescription painkillers for patients currently on a waiting list in your trust awaiting surgery for a joint replacement?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not treat patients for the procedure mentioned above, therefore we cannot provide this information

2. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of individuals on a waiting list in your trust who are being prescribed opiate painkillers of all prescription types to manage their pain?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that this information can be provided by the primary care provider.

3. For each calendar year from 2015, how many individuals are currently on a waiting list within your trust who have been prescribed opioid medications to help manage their pain?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that this information can be provided by the primary care provider.

4. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total cost of opioid medicines being prescribed to patients by GPs in your trust?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that this information can be provided by the primary care provider.

5. For each calendar year from 2015, what is the total number of people that are currently being prescribed opiate medicines by GPs in your trust?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that this information can be provided by the primary care provider.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5114 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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