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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5413

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th October 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. Which Radiologists have a particular experience in interpreting imaging of EDS patients?

All of our consultant radiologists are specialist neuroradiologists, none of them have a specific interest in EDS.

2. Which/ How many of your radiologists have particular experience interpreting MRI imaging in EDS patients specifically with regard to cranio cervical instability in the last five years?

None of our consultant radiologists have particular experience in interpreting MRI in EDS patients with regard to cranio cervical instability.

3. Which/How many of your radiologists have particular experience interpreting MRI imaging in EDS patients specifically with regard to atlantoaxial instability in the last five years?

None of our consultant radiologists have particular experience in interpreting MRI in EDS patients with regard to atlantoaxial instability.

4. What parameters and measurements do they use in the interpretation of the above CCI/AAI instability in EDS patients when reporting MRI imaging?

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 our Trust does not conduct scans for patients with EDS but refer them to the upright scanner in Manchester, 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 5413 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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