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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5347**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th September 2022.

Your request was as follows:

- 1) The number of occasions in the past 12 months when there were no out-of-hours GPs on shift;
- 2) What advice was given to patients who sought a GP during the period when none were available;
- 3) What other staff were available during these occasions to provide assistance to patients;
- 4) The number of patients who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;
- 5) The number of children who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;
- 6) The number of occasions when an out of hours centre was closed due to lack of staff in the past 12 months;
- 7) The number of occasions when just one GP has been on duty for an out of hours shift in your area in the past 12 months
- 8) The total number of patients in your region.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not offer an out-of-hours GP service, therefore we cannot provide this information.

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 5347 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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