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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6057

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 04th December 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I would like to request the following information to be released, if held, with regards to the Patient Initiated Digital Mutual Aid System (PIDMAS).

- The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust had 353 patients on a waiting list for treatment for 40 weeks or more as of 31st October 2023.](#)

- The number of patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust had 353 patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.](#)

- The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.

[Nil.](#)

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

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All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

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www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

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 6057 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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