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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5623

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. From April 2018 to March 2023 (or the latest date available), please provide yearly figures for how much was paid out in clinical negligence settlements for patients treated in neurosurgery departments.

2018 - £89,137

2019 - £5,376,861

2020 - £4,097,493.90

2021 - £479,139.43

2022 - £4,022,251.60

2023 - £0.00

2. Please provide current figures for how many patients are on the

a) spinal waiting list,

b) cranial waiting list.

a) spinal waiting list - 578

b) cranial waiting list - 277

3. Please provide current information for how many vascular surgeons are employed by the trust.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust currently have 1 vascular neurosurgeon who routinely practices vascular procedures but several neurosurgeons involved within the service with experience and capability of vascular procedures, employed by the Trust.

4. Please provide figures for how many patients in the P2 priority category are currently on the neurosurgery waiting list, the longest wait and the median wait. Please break down by spinal and cranial surgery.

a) spinal 14 P2 waiters - Max wait 9 weeks, Median 2 weeks

b) cranial 9 P2 waiters - Max Wait 6 weeks, Median 1 week.

5. From April 2018 to March 2023 (or the latest date available), please provide yearly figures for how many

arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) were operated on within the trust, and how many were instead referred to other trusts.

Financial Year Total

2018/2019 30

2019/2020 24

2020/2021 12

2021/2022 11

2022/2023 8

6. Please detail:

a) how many current vacancies there are within the trust's neurosurgery department,

b) how many staff members are on long-term sick leave,

c) how many are on some form of return to work support,

d) how many days have been lost to sick leave in each year from April 2018 to March 2023 or the latest date for which figures are available,

e) how many locums are currently engaged by the department.

a) The WCFT currently has 1 vacancy for a Neurosurgery Consultant.

b) No long-term sick leave.

c) N/A

d) 2018/19 45

2019/20 100

2020/21 118

2021/22 61

2022/23 46 (up to Feb 2023)

e) 1 WTE Consultant

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

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

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Yours sincerely

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