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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5662

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 29th March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Can you please state the average, as well as the shortest and the longest duration, from the point of receiving an urgent neurosurgical referral from A&E department at Southport & Formby district hospital to the patient arriving at the Walton Centre between January to December 2017.

Shortest duration: 1.87 hours

Longest duration: 479.28 hours

Average duration: 29.27 hours

Please note: these are emergency referrals logged on our emergency referral system from Southport & Formby district hospital - the system doesn't distinguish the department the emergency referral came from, only the Trust. Longest wait of 479.29 hours is the time from referral logged to ultimate WCFT admission on our PAS system but we can't tell from the timestamps alone what clinical discussions might've taken place around this wait, or what the reasons might've been.

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

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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