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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

*I have a freedom of information request for your organisation. My first three questions are probably best answered by the lead for your trust's pain service, the last two by your clinical coding department:*

*Q1. Does your trust use a standard pre-designed consent form (or set of consent forms) for any of the spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures listed in the table below? Please specify for which of these procedures such a consent form exists.*

*Q2. If your trust does use standard consent forms, please provide me with digital copies of the relevant forms and make clear what procedures each consent form is used for.*

*Q3. Please provide digital copies of any patient information leaflets or guidance about SCS that is given to patients by your trust.*

*Q4. With reference to your trust's coding database, please tell me how many of each of the following SCS procedures were performed by your trust in each of the years 2016 and 2017 – the relevant OPCS 4.x codes are:*

OPCS4.2 Code	OPCS4.3 Code	OPCS4.4 Code	OPCS4.5 Code	OPCS4.6 Code	OPCS4.7 Code	OPCS4.8 Code	Description
A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	Insertion of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	Attention to neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord NEC
A48.4	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	Reprogramming of neurostimulator adjacent to

A48.4 + Y03.7	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	spinal cord Removal of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.3	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	Insertion of neurostimulator electrodes into the spinal cord

Q5. Which OPCS coding version (or version of whatever other coding system) is used by your trust (e.g., OPCS 4.5)?

We do not do spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures at the Trust.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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