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Date: 22nd June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Please could you provide answers to the following questions up to and including 1st May 2021. If this is not available, then please provide the answer up to the latest date that you have data for (but not beyond 1st May).

1. Do you have a post covid syndrome clinic?

Yes, WWL NHS FT provides a Long COVID clinic

2. Number of people referred to the post covid clinic?

At the time of request, the Long COVID clinic has had 260 referrals in total, comprising:

- 108 members of public referred through Referral Assessment Service (RAS) system
- 15 members of public who accessed the clinic prior to the Referral Assessment Service (RAS) system being introduced
- 5 WWL NHS FT staff referred through Referral Assessment Service (RAS) system
- 132 WWL NHS FT staff through direct access

3. Number of people who have received treatment or specialist rehabilitative services from the post covid clinic?

At the time of request, the Long COVID clinic has recorded:

- 66 patients treated in respiratory clinics
- 90 patients treated in rehabilitation clinics

Please note:

- There will be overlap in the above numbers (for example, the same patient attending respiratory + rehabilitation clinic)
- The number of attendances in the Long COVID clinics is still being validated and is subject to change

4. Average (mean) time taken from referral to first contact with the clinic for the latest two-week period? Please provide this in working days.

At the time of request, the average recorded time from referral to appointment is 28 days.

5. The longest time taken from referral to first contact with the clinic.

At the time of request, the longest recorded time from referral to appointment is 83 days.

6. Number of patients attending the clinic that have been recorded as being able to return to work.

The total number of patients returned to work is currently unknown.

39 members of WWL NHS FT staff have completed one-to-one input in the rehabilitation services in the clinic, of which 36 have returned to work.

7. Does the clinic accept patients who were not hospitalised with acute covid?

Yes, the Long COVID clinic accepts patients who were not hospitalised with acute COVID, for example from GP referral

8. Number of people seen by clinic who have been given an alternative diagnosis, for example myocarditis.

The total number of people seen by the clinic who have been given an alternative diagnosis is currently unknown.

9. How many staff do you have working in the clinic full time, broken down by job titles of (1) doctor (from F1 through to consultant) (2) nurse (3) physiotherapist (4) occupational therapist (5) clinical psychologist/psychiatrist.

The Long COVID clinic has 1 full time member of staff, a GP with Special Interest (GPwSI).

10. How many staff do you have working in the clinic part time, broken down by job titles of (1) doctor (from F1 through to consultant) (2) nurse (3) physiotherapist (4) occupational therapist (5) clinical psychologist/psychiatrist.

A breakdown of part time staff in the Long COVID clinic is as follows:

Respiratory staff:

- 2 Consultants
- 1 B7 nurse

Rehabilitation staff:

- 1 Consultant
- 1 OT Team Leader
- 1 B6 OT

Cardiology staff:

- 1 Consultant

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

John Murray
Divisional General Manager - Medicine

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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