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Response Due: 2nd April 2025

Date: 11th April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th March 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. **Of all patients diagnosed with Hereditary Ataxia (ICD-10 Code G11), how many have a specific diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia?**
 - a. **How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have been diagnosed in the last 12 months?**
 - b. **How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have had an appointment in the last 12 months in the following departments?**
 - Cardiology
 - Neurology
 - Neuromuscular
 - Specialist movement disorders
 - Any other department
 - c. **How many Friedreich Ataxia patients fall within the following age groups?**
 - 0-13
 - 14-15
 - 16-40
 - 40+
 - d. **How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you discharged in the last 12 months?**
 - e. **How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you referred to another specialist centre?**

2. Does your centre have a specialist movement disorders clinic?

- **If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Fredreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months?**

3. Does your centre have a specialist Ataxia Clinic, as part of the specialist movement disorders clinic?

- **If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Fredreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months?**

The Trusts specialist service is provided by visiting consultants from Salford Royal Foundation Trust. Therefore, as these patients are treated by SRFT, please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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The Information Commissioner's Office
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