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Date Received: 10th December 2025

Response Due: 12th January 2026

Date: 31st December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th December 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:

I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions with regards to treatment of spinal muscular atrophy:

1. Within your Trust/ Health Board, where are patients (aged 2yrs +) with a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy referred to for treatment?

Please see below

2. How many patients with Spinal Muscular Atrophy have been referred in:

- A. The last 12 months? (or the latest 12 months of data you have available)**
- B. The last 5 years?**

Could you please split this out into SMA type if possible (Type 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) – (see attached ICD-10 codes)

Please see below

3. If your Trust/ Health Board receives referrals, where are these referrals made from?

Please see below

4. How many patients return to local care for continued treatment once referred to a specialist centre?

Please see below

5. If you have a treating centre for Spinal Muscular Atrophy in your trust, what is the average length of stay (or annual bed days) of patients being treated?

Please see below

If you are unable to answer all of these questions, please provide answers to those that are possible to answer. Thank you for taking the time to look into this request.

We do not treat patients for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, please redirect your questions to Salford Royal 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,



Hazel Hendriksen
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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

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