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Response Due: 2nd September 2024

Date: 29th August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd August 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please note – These questions relate specifically to people referred into a family history service from primary care based on their family history of cancer, not those who had been previously assessed and assigned a pathway by clinical genetics or were referred due to a personal diagnosis of breast cancer.

1. **Does your trust have a familial cancer service or services (for example, as part of a breast care team, family history clinic, or breast clinic) that manage people who could be at an increased risk of breast cancer because of a history of the disease or related cancers in their family?**

Yes.

- a) **If no, please answer question 2**

N/A.

- b) **If yes, please answer questions 3-5.**

Please see below.

2. **If your trust does not have a familial cancer service, where do you refer patients who need to have their familial breast cancer risk assessed?**

N/A.

3. **If your trust does have a familial cancer service, could you please provide us with:**

- a) The number of referrals your unit has received for assessment of possible familial breast cancer risk for each of the following periods:

Time period	Number of referrals
1 st April 2021-31 st March 2022	The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.
1 st April 2022-31 st March 2023	
1 st April 2023-31 st March 2024	

- b) How many patients were identified as moderate risk* of breast cancer for each of the following periods:

Time period	Number of moderate risk patients
1 st April 2021-31 st March 2022	The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.
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1 st April 2023-31 st March 2024	

- c) How many patients were identified as high risk** of breast cancer for each of the following periods:

Time period	Number of high-risk patients
1 st April 2021-31 st March 2022	The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.
1 st April 2022-31 st March 2023	
1 st April 2023-31 st March 2024	

* As defined by [NICE in CG164](#) - Lifetime risk from age 20 of greater than 17% but less than 30%, or risk between ages 40 and 50 of between 3 to 8%

** As defined by [NICE in CG164](#) - Lifetime risk from age 20 of greater than 30%, or risk between ages 40 and 50 of greater than 8%, or a 10% or greater chance of a gene mutation being harboured in the family

4. Which services do you offer to patients who are assessed as being at increased risk?

Please indicate with a X which risk management options are offered to individuals according to their age and calculated risk level by your service. Please leave related box blank if your service does not offer a particular service.

In regard to the provision of screening surveillance, please include any screening offered through the very high-risk programme and by your service for certain screening technologies that are only used under specific conditions (e.g. in the case of dense breast pattern)

	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Information about modifiable risk factors and behavioural changes to reduce risk	X	X
Chemoprevention	This is a newly set up service which is not yet fully operational.	This is a newly set up service which is not yet fully operational.
Risk reducing surgery	X	X

Screening surveillance	Moderate risk	High risk				
		<30% chance of BRCA/TP53 carrier	>30% chance of BRCA carrier	Known BRCA mutation	>30% chance of TP53 carrier	Known TP53 mutation
Annual MRI						
20-29						
30-39				X		X
40-49				X		X
50-59				X		X
60-69				X		X
70+				X *70 only		X *70 only
Annual Mammography						
20-29						
30-39						
40-49	X			X		X
50-59	X			X		X
60-69	X *60 only			X		X
70+				X *70 only		X *70 only
Mammography as part of the population screening programme						
20-29						
30-39						
40-49						
50-59	X					
60-69	X					
70+	X *Self-referral if >71					

5. For people referred into your family history service, does your unit have any additional inclusion criteria it uses to determine who can receive different types of support, in addition to the eligibility criteria outlined in [NICE CG164 guidance](#), and if so, what are those criteria for:

Undertaking an initial family history risk assessment	X
Access to risk-reduction interventions, both chemoprevention and mastectomy	This is a newly set up service which is not yet fully operational.
Access to enhanced surveillance screening	X

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,



Mark Almond
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PLEASE NOTE:

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, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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