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Response Due: 11th July 2024

Date: 11th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th June 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:

Statistics

1. The number of unique patients that have received a diagnosis of Functional Neurological Disorder in total.

174 patients diagnosed since April 2020. *Data Collection is not available before April 2020.

2. The same as above but since 2020 (the start of the tax year to the end of this tax year)

Attendance Year	Number of Patients
2020/21	15
2021/22	29
2022/23	48
2023/24	64

3. The total number of unique outpatients seen during the same four year time period

Attendance Year	Number of Patients
2020/21	5
2021/22	22
2022/23	25
2023/24	56

If your trust has a neurology service or department:

- 4. If applicable, the total number of outpatients seen for neurology during the same four year time period since 2020.**

Adult Neurology patients are referred to Northern Care Alliance (NCA) please redirect this question to them. The below figures are Paediatric Neurology Outpatient appointments.

Attendance Year	Number of Appointments
2020	148
2021	240
2022	166
2023	75
2024	16

Reporting

Note: 1a and 2a only apply if the answers to answers 1 or 2 respectively, are negative. I would also be grateful for yes/no answers where applicable.

- 1. Does the trust routinely record outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder onto their electronic recording system (which can later be queried electronically to ascertain this number)?**

Yes.

- a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely record this information for outpatients diagnosed with any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke (any kind)?**
N/A

- 2. Does the trust routinely report the number of outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder to any other body (including NHS England, Government or any other third party) not including third parties which store or manage data on the trust's behalf such as the trust's IT firm. If so, to whom?**

No.

- a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely report this information for any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke?**

No, the Trust does not report data to any national body.

Treatment

The below are only applicable if your trust has a rehabilitation, reablement or neurology service. the use of "treatment" refers to physiotherapy, psychology, orthosis, orthotics, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, vocational therapy, rehabilitation, holistic services, musculoskeletal injections and/or any other physical intervention. Advice or the provision of information including leaflets, booklets and web links/online content I have not classed as treatment for the purposes of these questions. If the only treatment offered is medication, then also please state this.

- 1. Does the trust routinely provide inpatient treatment for FND?**

No, our model is outpatients (community based).

- 2. Does the trust routinely provide outpatient treatment for FND?**

Yes, community based.

3. Are these provided only within the local commissioning area or a nationwide service?

Our catchment area is Wigan only.

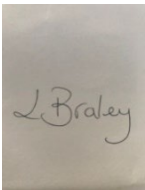
For clarification, the use of “unique” above refers to patients that have received the same diagnosis twice only being counted once.

Please redirect Question 4 (Statistics) to Northern Care Alliance at the following email:

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,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to be 'L. Braley'.

Lynne Braley
Director of Operations & Performance – Community Division

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
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