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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Multi-disciplinary chronic pain service

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1a. Is a multi-disciplinary chronic pain service provided by the Trust? (if yes, please continue to question 2, if no please answer question 1b)	Yes but only for tier 3 referrals. Tier 2 is provided in the community Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust FOI@nottshc.nhs.uk who may hold this information.			
1b. Where is chronic pain being managed in your organisation for people with: i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain) Pain clinic at SFH receive referrals from oncology and palliative care teams for pain management treatments. ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)	For both parts: Pain clinic at Sherwood Forest Hospitals receive referrals from oncology and palliative care teams for pain management treatments.			
2. Is the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service based in an acute hospital or a community setting? (please expand if needed)	Our local MDT Pain Service is in the community.			
3. What is the current waiting time from referral to first appointment at the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service?	4 months			

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<p>4. Since October 2022, how many people did the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service see with:</p> <p>i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)</p> <p>ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)</p>	<p>This data is not recorded.</p>			
<p>5. Can you please provide demographic information (% gender, age range and % ethnicity) for those seen in the multi-disciplinary chronic pain service with:</p> <p>i) Cancer tumour related pain (i.e. people with a current oncological or haematological cancer diagnosis who are experiencing pain)</p> <p>Gender: Age range: Ethnicity:</p> <p>ii) Cancer related late effects pain or chronic pain caused by cancer treatments (i.e. pain caused by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy or surgery)</p>	<p>This data is not recorded.</p>			
<p>6. If you cannot answer question 5, can you please explain why?</p>				

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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