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RE: Freedom of Information Request

3rd January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st October 2023, 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:

In 2022 I sent you a FOI request asking how you treated conditions or probable or suspected conditions listed as i-iii) below?

- i) Pandas (Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections)**
- ii) PANS (Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome)**
- iii) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions.**

Following this request there has been a press release in February 2023, a copy is attached, it can also be found via the BPNA website (<https://bpna.org.uk/?page=pans-pandas>.)

Following this update from the working group. Please could you provide me with the following:

- 1) Tell me whether the Trust/ Hospitals treatment and diagnostic criteria has changed as a result of the working group statement. If it has, please can you send me the copies of the new policy/ procedure for treatment and diagnostic pathway.**
Sherwood Forest Hospitals do not have separate guidance or policy. National Guidance is followed.

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2) a) **Please could you also provide for each condition or probable/ suspected condition i)-iii) above the number of paediatric patients presenting with these conditions for each year for the past 1 year? &**

b) **how many patients were referred to another service outside of the trust.**

Information not held – Sherwood Forest Hospitals do not capture diagnostic codes via acute paediatric outpatient pathways.

3) **Please could you provide me with any minutes of meetings which decided how patients are treated following the British Paediatric Neurology Association update on the working group in February 2023 and who made the decision to implement any changes.**

Information not held.

4) a) **Whether the Trust/ Hospital has sought commissioning to treat this cohort of patients and**

No

b) **who did it approach e.g ICB or NHSE and**

N/A

c) **whether this was approved or rejected along with the reasons why or timescales for implementation if relevant.**

N/A

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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