

Direct Line: 01623 672232
Our Ref: 946
E-mail: sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net

King's Mill Hospital
Mansfield Road
Sutton in Ashfield
Nottinghamshire
NG17 4JL

28th July 2025

Tel: 01623 622515
Join today: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease

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. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. provide the Trust's most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease including implementation of lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood-based Biomarker testing. Please include planning documents that cover the entire Trust and specific department plans, such as neurology, psychiatry, care of the elderly, pathology or memory clinic teams.	<p>The Trust does not hold the information you have requested. We do not provide Neurology services at the Trust.</p> <p>Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust FOI@nuh.nhs.uk who may hold this information.</p>			
2. How many patients were diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 codes = G30, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, F00, F00.1, F00.2 or F00.9) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are available?	<p>1136*</p> <p>* Please note, the information extracted is based on ICD10 coding in any position within the patient's record. This means that the diagnosis is not necessarily the primary reason for admission. Additionally, we cannot confirm if these patients are newly diagnosed.</p>			
3. How many patients were diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment and / or Mild Dementia due to Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 codes = G31.84, G30.1, or MMSE scores = 21 to 24) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are	3 patients had the diagnosis code G30.1 and 0 patients had the diagnosis code G31.84 during their inpatient stay in time period outlined.			

<p>available?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild cognitive impairment (ICD-10 = G31.84) • Early onset Alzheimer's Disease (ICD-10 = G30.1) • Mild cognitive impairment (Mini-mental State Examination MMSE = 21 to 24) • Mild cognitive impairment (other sources of definition) 				
<p>4. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out lumbar punctures (cerebrospinal fluid) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lumbar punctures carried out within the Trust itself • Lumbar punctures referred elsewhere and carried out external to the Trust • Trust does not carry out lumbar punctures to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease 	As per Q1			
<p>5. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations to which the Trust refers patients for lumbar punctures in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease</p>	As per Q1			
<p>6. What is the average waiting time for a patient to get an appointment for a lumbar puncture to test for a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease</p>	As per Q1			

7. How many lumbar punctures to test for Alzheimer's Disease took place in the last 3-month period for which data are available?	As per Q1			
8. How many Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to test for Alzheimer's Disease were conducted in the last 3-month period for which data are available?	As per Q1			
9. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease? • Pathology laboratory within the Trust • Pathology laboratory external to the Trust • Trust does not test for BBBMs to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease	As per Q1			
10. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers Blood-based Biomarker tests from cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for pathology in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.	As per Q1			
11. What is the average waiting time for pathology results to come back from Blood-based Biomarker tests?	As per Q1			

12. To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease? • Implementation of plans has started • A plan exists and implementation has not started • A plan is being developed • There is no plan • Other – please state	As per Q1			
13. Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease related to: • Cognitive assessment services • Biomarker services • None / neither	As per Q1			
14. Which of the following services does the Trust have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for Alzheimer's Disease? a) Related to administration of lumbar punctures Yes / No • Budget • People • Training • Clinic space / capacity • Governance arrangements b) Related to Blood-based Biomarker testing Yes / No	As per Q1			

5

Home, Community, Hospital.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • People • Training • Clinic space / capacity • Governance arrangements 				
--	--	--	--	--

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.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

All information we have provided is subject to the provisions of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Accordingly, if the information has been made available for re-use under the [Open Government Licence](#) (OGL) a request to re-use is not required, but the licence conditions must be met. You must not re-use any previously unreleased information without having the consent from Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Should you wish to re-use previously unreleased information then you must make your request in writing. All requests for re-use will be responded to within 20 working days of receipt.

7

Home, Community, Hospital.