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### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 13/08/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

#### **1 – Are your patients coded for the different sub types of MS (multiple sclerosis), Relapse remitting, primary progressive and secondary?**

**Please answer Yes, No, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

The Trust does not provide a Multiple Sclerosis service, this service is managed by University Hospitals Southampton. Please submit your request with them. Their contact details are as follows: [freedomofinformation@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@uhs.nhs.uk).

#### **2 – For secondary progressive MS are your patients coded?**

**Please answer No coding, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

Please see answer to question 1.

#### **3 – What proportion of your MS patients have a diagnosis of secondary progressive MS (within all MS diagnosed patients)?**

**Please answer Unknown, <10%, 10-20%, 21-30%, 31-40%, >50%**

Please see answer to question 1.

#### **4 – For MS patients requiring an MRI, what is the average waiting time?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

Please see answer to question 1.

#### **5 – For MS patients requiring an OCT, what is the average waiting time?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

Please see answer to question 1.

#### **6 – For MS patients what is the average waiting time for IV MS treatment?**

**Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

Please see answer to question 1.

**7 – When a patient has been diagnosed with MS, what is the average time from diagnosis of MS to initiate treatment?**

Please see answer to question 1.

**8 – How many unscheduled admissions have there been for patients with a diagnosis of MS in any position between April – June 2021?**

**Please answer with the number of admissions**

Please see answer to question 1.

**9 – How many MS patients are being treated in neurology rehab?**

**Please answer the number of patients**

Please see answer to question 1.

**10 – Of the patients in Question 8, how many are being treated with an MS disease modifying drug?**

**Please answer with the number of patients**

Please see answer to question 1.

**11 – How many MS patients are in the following EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale) groups?**

**1 – 3.5, 3.5 – 6.5, >7**

Please see answer to question 1.

**12 – How many of your physicians can initiate MS disease modifying drug treatment? If possible, please supply the physicians name**

Please see answer to question 1.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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