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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to patient transfers to another NHS provider or independent sector facility April 2015 – March 2016.

- a) Between April 2015 and March 2016, how many patients (on both admitted and non-admitted pathways) who had breached the 18-week Referral to Treatment target were transferred to another NHS provider or to an independent sector facility at NHS expense as a result?*
- b) Between April 2015 and March 2016, how many patients (on both admitted and non-admitted pathways) who would otherwise have breached the 18-week Referral to Treatment target were transferred to another NHS provider or to an independent sector facility at NHS expense as a result?*

Please note that the Trust cannot confirm that the patients were transferred because they had breached the 18 week Referral to Treatment target or that if these patients had not been outsourced they would have resulted in a breach. Patients are also transferred to other facilities who provide specialist services or when the Trust does not carry out the treatment required.

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b) 646