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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 Multiple Sclerosis patients.

Please see attached for form to fill in to respond to an FOI request regarding the number of patients treated in your trust for the names drugs. I am also interested in knowing the number of new MS diagnoses, MRI scans and the total catchment population of the trust.

The majority of the information requested can be found on the Trust website using the following link: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Multiple-Sclerosis-and-MRI.pdf>

The remaining information is as follows:

1. Total catchment population of your MS Service – Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has a catchment area of approximately 560,000 people.
2. Total untreated MS population (any patients with a diagnosis of MS but no record of DMT treatment) - This information is not held electronically and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.
3. Total MRI scans for MS in the previous 12 months – This information is not held electronically and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.