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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 Headaches and Chronic Migraines.

You asked:

- 1.) Does your trust run a headache clinic? YES/NO
If YES how many per week/month [delete as appropriate]*
- 2.) Does your trust run a migraine clinic? YES/NO
If YES how many per week/month [delete as appropriate]*
- 3.) Does your trust run a botulinum A [botox] clinic (regardless of any indication or department)? YES/NO*
- 4.) In the past 6 months how many patients have been treated for chronic migraine?*
- 5.) Could you please provide me with the following numbers of patients treated in the last 6 months, with the following drugs for Chronic Migraine. If none, please state None.*
 - Botox*
 - Dysport*
 - Xeomin*
 - Topiramate / anticonvulsant*
 - Beta-blocker*
 - Calcium channel blocker*
 - Anti-serotonergic*
 - Tricyclic anti-depressant*

Trust response:

- 1.) NO
- 2.) NO

3.) YES – These clinics are 1 per month with 40 appointment slots.

- 4.) The Trust runs general neurology clinics in which patients are treated for headache and/or chronic migraine. We do not run any specialist clinics specifically for headache/migraine other than the Botox clinic.
- 5.) Outpatient clinics are not coded and therefore the Trust does not have any information on numbers of patients receiving these drugs for migraine. Typically these drugs might be recommended by the neurologist but usually not actually prescribed – i.e. we recommend that the GP prescribes them. Often in our clinic letter we might recommend a list of several possible drugs and leave it up to the GP to decide which one(s) to actually prescribe. These might also be recommended by pain clinics.