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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 Alzheimer's testing.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:*

*The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture
The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan
The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan
The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans*

Trust response:

The Trust is unable to provide this response. The coding system can identify the scans and lumbar puncture tests carried out but not what diagnosis the patient was being tested for. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.