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Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

Please could you provide me with:

- Numbers of people who have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia from 2019 to 2023;
- How much, in terms of waiting times, did it took to have a diagnosis of Fibromyalgia;

Please provide me with a breakdown per gender, year and regions.

Please see the information below detailing the number of people who have been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia from 2019 to 2023 and have been admitted to DGFT. Please note these figures includes where a patient may have multiple admissions over the years specified so their admission will count in every year. They are also patients with a Fibromyalgia diagnosis, they may not have been admitted for Fibromyalgia related issues and it may not be their main diagnosis. Please note, we are unable to provide information on the ‘region’ these patients reside as it is not held in a reportable format, however, the patients we admit are usually from the Black Country and surrounding regions.

Year	Gender		Grand Total
	Female	Male	
2019	957	116	1073
2020	714	76	790
2021	814	103	917
2022	1008	114	1122
2023	446	52	498
Grand Total	2448	304	2752

We are unable to provide you details in terms of waiting times to get a diagnosis as this information is also not held in a reportable format – we would involve manually checking all medical records for these patients which would exceed the time limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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