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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 20th December 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

I would like to request the following information to be released, if held, with regards to the Patient Initiated Digital Mutual Aid System (PIDMAS).

- The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.
- The number of patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.
- The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.

Response

The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.	3805
The number of patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.	2115
The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.	45 responses received from patients, however, the process to reallocate/refer on is still ongoing.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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