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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Adult Allergy

1. What is the total number of adult allergy referrals received by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
2. What is the total number of new patients seen under adult allergy services by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
3. What is the total number of follow up patients seen under adult allergy services by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Clinical Immunology

4. What is the total number of clinical immunology referrals received by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
5. What is the total number of new patients seen under clinical immunology by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
6. What is the total number of follow up patients seen under clinical immunology by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

For questions 1-6, please provide data separated by the treatment function codes (TFC)

313 – Clinical Immunology and Allergy

316 – Clinical Immunology

317 – Allergy

Laboratory Immunology

7. What is the total number of immunology pathology samples received by your trust laboratory service over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

8. What is the total number of immunology pathology test requests received by your trust laboratory service over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Waiting Lists

9. What is the length of time (working days) between receiving a new patient referral and for the patient to be seen by a specialist at your trust now and one year ago for the following:

- a. **Clinical Immunology**
 - i. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - ii. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2023
 - iii. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - iv. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2023
- b. **Adult Allergy**
 - i. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - ii. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2023
 - iii. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - iv. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2023

Response

Unfortunately, we do not have the data in the specific coding you have requested (therefore are unable to complete the spreadsheet) but our informatics team have been able to produce the following data.

Q1 and Q4

Referrals come into the service under TFC 313 and cannot be split into 316 and 317. Here are the referrals for the years requested

NATIONAL_SPECIALTY	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
313 - Clinical Immunology and Allergy	975	1023	692	909	858	587

Q2, Q3, Q5 and Q6

Outpatient attendances are recorded under TFC 313 and cannot be split into 316 and 317. Here are the attendances for the years requested

TFC	Type	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Clinical Immunology and Allergy	First	1009	765	770	647	674	667
	Follow Up	1110	1254	2102	1413	1339	1859

Q7 and Q8

The data is only available until 27/09/2022, when we switched to a managed service as part of Black Country Pathology

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Immunology Requests	64639	65936	48525	40785	36182	

Immunology Request Items		238475	282328	223537	176810	165532	
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For the remaining data you would need to contact:

The Trust is now part of The Black Country Pathology Services.

The Black Country Pathology Services (BCPS) partnership will integrate pathology services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), with Sandwell West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (SWBH), Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGH) and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). The BCPS will be hosted by RWT on behalf of the partnership.

Your will need to forward your request Black Country Pathology Services the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

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Q9

The waiting time of attendances cannot be split out into Urgent and Routine

The average wait in days for a new appointment under TFC 313 were:

206 days at 15/07/2024 and

142 days at 15/07/2023

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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