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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

I have a freedom of information request regarding Friedreich Ataxia services in your organisation, could you please help by answering the following questions

Q1. Of all patients diagnosed with Hereditary Ataxia (ICD-10 Code G11), how many have a specific diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia?

- Not known we are unable to run a report for diagnosis, we can only provide information on patients who were admitted, which is 13 patients in 12 months 01/02/2024 - 31/01/2025 none coded in primary position

Q1a. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have been diagnosed in the last 12 months?

- Not known, we are unable to run a report for diagnosis we can only provide information patients who were admitted. During the time period 01/02/2024 to 31/01/2025 the number of patients admitted is less than 5 and as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Q1b. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have had an appointment in the last 12 months in the following departments?

Cardiology, Neurology, Neuromuscular, Specialist movement disorders, Any other department.

- Unable to run a report for this information but patients would be seen in the neurology department.

Q1c. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients fall within the following age groups?

0-13, 14-15, 16-40, 40+

- As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

Q1d. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you discharged in the last 12 months?

- Not known unable to run a report for this information.

Q1e. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you referred to another specialist centre.

- Not known unable to run a report for this information.

Q2. Does your centre have a specialist movement disorders clinic? - Yes

If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Fredreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months? – Unable to run a report for this information as the clinic is not a specialist Ataxia clinic

Q3. Does your centre have a specialist Ataxia Clinic, as part of the specialist movement disorders clinic? - No

If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Fredreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months? – N/A

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

Yours sincerely

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