

Trust Headquarters Russells Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ

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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Freedom of Information request – Out-patient botulinum-toxin (spasticity) clinics Time period – 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (and 2025/26 year-to-date if readily available).

Please answer each part. If a part would exceed the FOI cost limit, advise how it could be refined.

Aggregate data only – no patient-level information is requested.

A | Commissioning & contract

- 1. Name the commissioner(s) and contract type currently funding the outpatient botulinum-toxin clinics for spasticity (e.g. NHS England prescribed service #126 block; cost-and-volume PbR; local block).
 - If the clinics are not commissioned under a separate contract, please describe how they are funded (e.g. absorbed in a wider community-rehab block).
 - There is no separate contract for this service and minimal activity coded to OPCS X37.5. This would be absorbed into local block arrangements with ICBs
- 2. Provide the service specification, Schedule 2/A or other document that sets out the scope of these clinics. If no document exists, please confirm. **No document**
- B | Activity & coding
- 3a. Confirm whether the Trust codes out-patient botulinum-toxin injections for spasticity with OPCS X37.5. 6 outpatients with OPCS X37.5 were recorded in 2024/25
- 3b. If not, list the OPCS, SNOMED or local clinic codes used instead and the National Grouper HRG(s) produced. 5 WF01A and 1 WF01B
- 3c. For each code/HRG identified above, state:
 - First attendances Follow-up attendances 1 First Attendance and 5 Follow Up Attendances

C | Pricing

- 4. For each HRG in section B, state the tariff or local price actually applied in 2024/25.
- This injection does not produce an Outpatient Procedure HRG so we would charge the standard attendance price for the specialty performing the injection. The first attendance was performed by Trauma & Orthopaedics = £191. The follow-ups are part of a fixed block payment, not separately chargeable with a tariff. If we were not on a block contract then the follow-ups would've yielded £108 each, which is the indicative tariff for a Rheumatology follow-up

• If exact prices are considered commercially sensitive (FOIA s 43(2)), please provide the £-band (e.g. £300–£350) or confirm that the National Tariff was applied un-altered.

D | Income

5. Total income received from commissioners for these clinics during 2024/25 (drug costs may be excluded if tariff-exempt).

If income is not separately identifiable, please confirm. - The first outpatient attendance would have been funded at tariff. The outpatient follows ups are within block funding.

E | Governance

6. Did the Trust include the service in its 2024/25 self-declaration against NHS England specialised-commissioning standards? (Yes / No / Not applicable). - **No**

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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