

Ref FOI17 440  
Date 22 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

I am writing to you today to request information regarding the treatment of Headaches and Chronic Migraines.

1.) Could you please provide me with the following numbers of patients treated in the last 6 months, with the following drugs for Chronic Migraine. If none, please state None.

- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

Response - None

2.) Does your trust treat migraine with any of the following treatments? If so, how many patients in the last 6 months?

Topiramate / anticonvulsants

Beta-blockers / propranolol

Calcium channel blockers

Anti-serotonergics

Tricyclic anti-depressants / amitriptyline

- Candesartan / angiotensin II inhibitors

Response – The Trust does not collect information which enables it to identify patients suffering from migraine who were treated with these drugs. To ascertain this information would require manual examination of patient health records. This would certainly require officer time well in excess of the 18 hour Appropriate Limit, and as such would be exempt from provision under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Regrettably we are not in a position to advise

how you could reduce the scope of your request in order for it to be brought under the 18 hour limit.

3.) Does your trust run any botulinum A [botox] clinics (regardless of any indication or department)?

Response - No.

4.) Does your organisation run any Clinics where patients have treatment for Headaches and Chronic Migraines?

Response – Yes, the service is run on our behalf by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.

IF YES PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING. Response - Not applicable

a. What is the name of these clinics?

b. Which department runs the clinic?

c. At which locations are these clinics run? Please provide address and postcode where possible.

d. How frequently are these clinics run?

e. What is the average number of Chronic Migraine (CM) patients seen per clinic (based on last 6 months data)?

f. Do any of these clinics use Botulinum A [botox] to manage the pain of headaches and chronic migraines? YES/NO

i. If Yes to 4F

Within this/these clinic(s) please provide the number of current Health Care Professionals who are active injectors (within the past 6 weeks) of Botox Treatment for Headaches and Chronic Migraines – If possible please break down by role (Consultant, Other Hospital Doctor (non-consultant), GP, Specialist Nurse, Pharmacists, Other). If this is not possible please state the overall total of current Active Injectors

Please provide the answers to this question in the table attached.

**Please note the Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on the 1.4.12 therefore we do not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date please contact the Department of Health.**

**Please note that this response does not constitute as consent for direct marketing.**

**A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.**

**We would like to bring to your attention the unique status of the Isle of Wight NHS Trust which serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services, comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.**

This letter also confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are unhappy about the response you have received your first line of action should be to write and request the Trust to undertake an internal review of your application. A senior member of staff, who was not involved with your initial application, will undertake this review. If after this process you are still not satisfied with the response you receive from the Trust you can complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team