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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_441_25

You asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding services and data relating to early onset dementia (dementia diagnosed before the age of 65). I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for your Health Board:

To help ensure this request is manageable, I would be grateful if you could provide the most recent data available (ideally covering the past three years, where records allow).

1. Waiting times

- a) The average waiting time (mean and median, if available) from first referral to diagnosis for patients with suspected early onset dementia, for the most recent full year of data available. Please specify the time period covered.**

The Health Board does not maintain a separate waiting list specifically for early onset dementia. As this is not information that the Health Board routinely compiles, we would have to carry out a specific exercise to retrieve and collate this data. From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that to comply with this element of your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Act there is an allowance of 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

The Health Board has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

2. Patient numbers

- b) The number of patients currently diagnosed with early onset dementia within your Health Board area. If available, please provide a breakdown for the past three years.**

We only record a definitive diagnosis for inpatient/daycase episodes via the clinical coding process. Therefore, we are unable to confirm the number of patients diagnosed with any condition.

The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18

hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

3. Workforce

c) The number of specialist early onset dementia nurses employed by your Health Board.

The Health Board does not currently have specialist nursing roles or services designated specifically for early onset dementia (patients under 65).

d) Whether your Health Board has any specialist nursing roles or services specifically for patients under 65 with dementia. If yes, please describe.

The Health Board does not currently have specialist nursing roles or services designated specifically for early onset dementia (patients under 65).

4. Beds and facilities

e) The number of inpatient beds or designated care placements available specifically for people with early onset dementia (or if none are specifically designated).

There are no inpatient beds or designated care placements specifically allocated for people with early onset dementia.

5. Waiting lists

f) The number of people under 65 currently waiting more than six months for a dementia assessment.

We currently have 8 people under 65 waiting more than six months for a dementia assessment.

g) If possible, please provide figures for those waiting over 12 months.

There are currently no individuals under 65 waiting over 12 months for a dementia assessment.