

FOI REF: 23/835

2nd January 2024

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I would like to request the following information to be released, if held, with regards to the Patient Initiated Digital Mutual Aid System (PIDMAS).

- 1) The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.**

The Trust reported 6503 open pathways 40 weeks or more, as of 31st October 2023.

- 2) The number of patients contacted by the trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.**

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- 3) The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.**

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours faithfully

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