

FOI REF: 25/247

28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## 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:

### 1. **Waiting List Data**

**a) The number of patients currently on the waiting list for the following ultrasound scans:**

- o General**
- o Obstetrics and Gynaecology**
- o Small Parts**
- o Musculoskeletal (MSK)**
- o Head, Neck, and Thyroid**
- o Groin**
- o Breast (male and female)**
- o Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)**
- o Triple Aneurysm (AAA)**
- o Lumps and Bumps**
- o Soft Tissues**

**General ultrasound requests:**

Breast	63
DVT	16
General	691
Groin	54
Head, Neck, and Thyroid	146
MSK	215
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	324
Small parts	47
Soft tissues	87

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#### Vascular surgery requests:

DVT	385
General	6
MSK	311

Please note we have counted the patients split by type of scan – for example, one request for a patient contains one scan that comes under the groin category and another than comes under general. In total there are 1690 unique patient requests.

- b) **The number of patients who have been on the waiting list for these scans for longer than 18 weeks.**

General	15
Vascular	243

## 2. Contact Information

**Please provide the name and email address of the individuals holding the following positions within the Trust:**

- **Procurement Director**

The Trust does not have a Procurement Director.

- **Divisional Director(s) of Radiology**

David Garrett  
Divisional Director of Operations

- **Director(s) of Radiology**

Nansi Botros  
Head of Radiology

- **Radiology Services Manager**

Melissa Brotherwood  
Radiology Services Manager

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

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The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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](mailto: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.

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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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