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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

For the most recent three complete calendar years (e.g. 2023, 2024 and 2025), please provide:

- 1) The number of patients your Trust referred onwards with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR).**

If possible, please break this down by:

- a) Year.**
- b) Referring specialty (e.g. cardiology, neurology, nephrology).**

- 2) For the same period, please specify:**

The external centre(s) to which patients with suspected or confirmed ATTR amyloidosis were referred (e.g. National Amyloidosis Centre, regional amyloidosis hubs, tertiary cardiology centres).

- 3) Where available, please include the number of patients referred to each centre per year.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) does not centrally record the number of patients with a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR) who are referred onwards, nor does ESHT centrally record the external centre(s) to which these patients might be referred. To enable ESHT to provide this information would require a manual review of the patients' notes to establish if we hold this information, and then collating it if the information is held. We are therefore applying Section 12 (1) to your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the

rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

However, ESHT can confirm that the total number of patients with a diagnosis of ATTR discharged from the Trust's care from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025 is 123.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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