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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6206

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6206

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 04th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Please can you provide data on the number of physician associates (PAs) currently working in your hospitals that are permitted to perform each of the below procedures. Please can you provide the data in an Excel spreadsheet, in a table with the procedure in one column and the number of PAs qualified to perform the procedure in a second column.

- Aterial line insertion
- Central line insertion
- Chest drain
- Intubation
- OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD)
- Nerve blocks
- Pleural tap
- Surgical first assisting
- Ring blocks
- Iliofemoral block
- Nasogastric (NG) tube placement
- Ascitic drain
- Ascitic tap
- Joint aspiration
- Lumbar puncture
- Pleural aspiration

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust do not employ any Physician Associates. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6206 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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