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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6127

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 22nd January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing to make a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain information regarding the employment and performance of Physicians Associates (PAs) within your Trust. I would appreciate it if you could provide the following details.

Please provide the information for the last 10 years. If the information is not available for the entire requested period, please provide it for the longest period possible.

1. The total number of Physicians Associates currently employed by the Trust.

[I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust did not have any Physician Associates employed within the Trust for the period stated above.](#)

2. A breakdown of the departments in which these Physicians Associates are currently working.

[N/A](#)

3. Information on whether any Physicians Associates have been assigned operating or procedural lists which they run autonomously, with distant consultant support.

[N/A](#)

4. The total number of "never events" that have occurred involving Physicians Associates within the specified timeframe.

[N/A](#)

5. Details of any untoward incidents involving Physicians Associates, including the nature of the incidents and any outcomes or actions taken.

[N/A](#)

6. The total number of investigations conducted involving Physicians Associates, along with specific details of each investigation and their outcomes.

[N/A](#)

7. Information on whether there are any ongoing investigations involving Physicians Associates, and if so, the nature of these investigations.

N/A

8. How are patient feedback and satisfaction surveys utilised to assess the performance and impact of Physicians Associates in their respective roles within the trust?

N/A

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

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All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

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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 6127 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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