



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-307

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Date: 27th August 2024

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Chiropractor

Note : This is a new set of questions therefore your reference is 307-2425

On 13th August 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

'To continue with your request we require clarification whether you are asking for other patients notes?'

You replied via email with:

'Thank you for your email. On reflection I appreciate you can't release the notes themselves, even with redactions. What I'm after is data which reveals chiropractic as the cause or contributory factor to an injury/condition being assessed by ED.'

Therefore, having reviewed those 50 cases where the notes reference 'chiro', please confirm how many of the 50 are believed to have been caused by chiropractic. Additionally, if possible/permitted, please describe, in the simplest of terms, the injury/condition itself (e.g 'neck pain' or 'stroke').

So the release might look like

3 cases 'Neck pain'

2 cases 'stroke'

etc.

A time reference for when those 50 cases presented would also be very useful. '

Q1 I would like to amend this request to the 50 most recent ED admissions where the notes reference 'chiro' and to release those with appropriate redactions that reference chiropractic as being a likely cause of the injury/condition. (linked to response 281-2425)

A1 Please refer to your previous response 281-2425 released to you 7th August 2024, we stated 'we have searched our data base by using the word" chiro" in the field where the ED triage notes are typed and following reviewing some records they refer to either the patient being referred from a chiropractor or having seen a chiropractor prior but we have found none from the reviewed that state they think their pain etc is caused by a chiropractor.'

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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