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Alzheimer's disease testing

I'm seeking information on Alzheimer's disease testing. For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture

Memory Service teams indicate that over the past 12 months numbers for Outpatient Lumbar Punctures undertaken specifically for the purpose for Dementia diagnosis/investigation were in the region of 25-30.

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan

355 PET/CT Brain scans in the past year

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan

SPECT scan is not used for Alzheimer's Disease Testing

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans

Exam codes on our RIS System are generic and therefore we would not be able to easily or accurately identify any scans specifically for Alzheimer's disease testing.

To supply the information requested would necessitate a manual trawl of patient records. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.