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## **FND Diagnoses in Belfast Trust Neurology Services 2016 to 2025**

Please provide, for years 2016 to 2025:

- **The count of patients within your neurology services diagnosed with Functional Neurological Disorder / functional neurological symptoms.**
- **If possible, how many were previously under care of Dr Michael Watt.**

**If data exists before 2016, please confirm via Section 16 FOI whether earlier records are held.**

With reference to the two questions above, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not hold this information centrally. To provide it would require a substantial manual trawl of individual records, involving significant manpower to review, which would take well in excess of 18 hours to complete.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

- **Any internal reports, meeting minutes or correspondence about increased FND diagnoses after the Neurology Recall.**

There are no internal reports, minutes or correspondence held relating to increased FND diagnoses after the Neurology Recall.