

**26 March 2026**

## **Chiari Malformations and Syringomyelia**

**Please confirm the number of people in Northern Ireland currently living with:**

- 1. Chiari Malformation Type 1**
- 2. Chiari Malformation Type 1 with a syrxinx**
- 3. Chiari Malformation Type 2**
- 4. Chiari Malformation Type with a syrxinx**
- 5. Syringomyelia (without a Chiari Malformation)**

**If possible, I would also like to request an additional breakdown of the overall number by Trust, gender and age range i.e. children and adults.**

*After review, we must advise that the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not hold this information in recorded form. There is no central database within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, nor regionally across Northern Ireland, that captures the prevalence of Chiari malformations or syringomyelia across the population. Many individuals with Chiari Type 1 or syringomyelia may remain undiagnosed if they have not undergone imaging, meaning definitive numbers are not available.*

*In accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public bodies are required to provide information only where it is already held in recorded form. As the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not hold the requested information, we are unable to provide the figures you have asked for.*