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Consultants Involved in Reviewing Patients as Part of the Neurology Recall

I am submitting a new Freedom of Information request following review of previous disclosures issued by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. I have identified a previous FOI response (Ref: FOI/1313, dated 6 April 2011) in which the Trust disclosed:

- **The names of individual consultant neurologists, and**
- **The number of patients under each consultant's care**

No exemptions were applied to withhold consultant identities.

In 2011, the Trust provided consultant identifiers and corresponding patient numbers as part of FOI/1313. This approach was considered appropriate due to the large patient numbers, which ensured that the data remained non-identifiable at an individual patient level. No patient could be identified, directly or indirectly, from the information disclosed, in line with information governance standards in place at that time.

In light of this established precedent, I request the following:

- **The names of all consultants involved in reviewing patients as part of the neurology recall**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is unable to disclose consultant-specific information in relation to the Neurology Recall. This is due to the small number of patients associated with some individual consultants, whereby disclosure would present a risk of direct or indirect patient identification. As such, the data is reported below in an anonymised format to ensure compliance with information governance standards.

- **The number of patients reviewed by each consultant, including breakdown by cohort**

Information is provided below relating to the number of consultants involved in reviewing patients as part of the Neurology Recall, including cohort level breakdowns, allocation of cases to individual consultants, and the volume of patients reviewed by each consultant.

Cohort 1

Information provided previously in FOI/34768 (See attached in separate document for ease of reference).

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Cohort 2A

	Number of Patients
Consultant A	<5
Consultant B	<5
Consultant C	<5
Consultant D	<5
Consultant E	27
Consultant F	<5
Consultant G	<5
Consultant H	<5
Consultant I	9
Consultant J	74
Consultant K	<5
Consultant L	<5
Consultant M	<5
Consultant N	<5
Consultant O	<5
Consultants IS*	403

**Multiple Consultants provided by Independent Sector providers*

This data represents the number of appointments attended for each consultant, rather than the number of individual patients seen. The figures include all attended appointments, including follow-up appointments. As a result, individual patients may be counted more than once, where they attended multiple appointments or consultants during the reporting period.

Cohort 2B

	Number of Patients
Consultant A	182
Consultant B	<5
Consultant C	13
Consultant D	161
Consultants IS*	589

**Multiple Consultants provided by Independent Sector providers*

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Use of <5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - Personal Information relating to a third party, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable.

Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

Cohort 3

	Number of Patients
Consultant A	142
Consultant B	5
Consultant C	38
Consultant D	37
Consultant E	89
Consultant F	10
Consultants IS*	204

**Multiple Consultants provided by Independent Sector providers*

This data represents the number of appointments attended for each consultant and does not represent the number of individual patients seen. The figures include all attended appointments, including follow-up appointments. As a result, individual patients may be counted more than once, where they attended multiple appointments or consultants during the Neurology Recall reporting period.