

## FOI122 Response

### Request

Dear whomever it may concern,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act into the number of patients within your NHS Trust who have requested referrals / second opinions for an existing course of treatment.

I have detailed the request below:

- 1. How many patients asked their GP or consultant to be referred to another professional for an existing course of treatment in the following time periods?**

Year	Number of patients who asked their GP	Number of patients who asked their Consultant
2020 (year to date)		
2019		
2018		

- 2. In how many cases was the request rejected in the following time periods?**

Year	Number of requests rejected by GPs	Number of requests rejected by Consultants
2020 (year to date)		
2019		
2018		

- 2. In how many cases did the treatment recommendation change because of the patient requesting a referral or second opinion in the following periods?**

Year	Number of GP referral requests which resulted in treatment change	Number of Consultant referral requests which resulted in treatment change
2020 (year to date)		
2019		
2018		

**Response**

The Trust is unable to provide further information, this is because the Trust's system does not capture the information at the level of detail requested.

To obtain the requested information will require the Trust to manually search and collate the data which the Trust is unable to facilitate. With this in mind note that an exemption, Section 12 has been applied as the Trust does not have the capacity to fulfil this request.