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Date 15th April 2015

Email: foi@homerton.nhs.uk

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2374

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the number of patient with being treated with MRI at Homerton Hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Number of patients with an annual review in the last 12 months and number of patients with an MRI in the last 12 months being treated with the following products:

- **Tysabri**
- **Gilenya**
- **Interferon beta 1a**
- **Interferon beta 1b**
- **Copaxone**
- **Lemtrada**
- **Tecfidera**
- **Aubagio**
- **Plegridy**

We can only provide you with the number of patients with an MRI over the requested period, as we have carried out an assessment, calculating how long it would take to provide you with this information and have estimated that it will take longer than 18 hours to complete this exercise. This is based on the fact that the data is not in a readily available format and as a result it will cost more than the 'appropriate time limit' to respond to your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

I would also like to request the following information on patient numbers:

- **Number of new MS diagnoses**
- **Number of patients who have had a relapse in the above month**
- **Number of relapse events in the above month**

Please refer to the attached spread sheet.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk , in the first instance. If following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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