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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2534**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding 18 week treatment targets and breaches.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**a) Between April 2015 and March 2016, how many patients (on both admitted and non-admitted pathways) who had breached the 18-week Referral to Treatment target were transferred to another NHS provider or an independent sector facility at NHS expense as a result?**

In 2015-16 26 patients who had breached the RTT 18 week target were transferred to the private sector for treatment. Any charges incurred are normally cost-neutral.

**b) Between April 2015 and March 2016, how many patients (on both admitted and non-admitted pathways) who would otherwise have breached the 18-week Referral to Treatment target were transferred to another NHS provider or an independent sector facility as a result?**

In 2015-16 the Trust sent 793 patients to the private sector to avoid breaches to the RTT 18 week target for treatment. Any charges incurred are normally cost-neutral

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