

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 18 July, making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

I have a freedom of information request for your organisation. My first three questions are probably best answered by the lead for your trust's pain service, the last two by your clinical coding department:

Q1. Does your trust use a standard pre-designed consent form (or set of consent forms) for any of the spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures listed in the table below? Please specify for which of these procedures such a consent form exists.

Q2. If your trust does use standard consent forms, please provide me with digital copies of the relevant forms and make clear what procedures each consent form is used for.

Q3. Please provide digital copies of any patient information leaflets or guidance about SCS that is given to patients by your trust.

Q4. With reference to your trust's coding database, please tell me how many of each of the following SCS procedures were performed by your trust in each of the years 2016 and 2017 – the relevant OPCS 4.x codes are:

OPCS4.2 Code	OPCS4.3 Code	OPCS4.4 Code	OPCS4.5 Code	OPCS4.6 Code	OPCS4.7 Code	OPCS4.8 Code	Description
A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	Insertion of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	Attention to neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord NEC
A48.4	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	Reprogramming of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.4 + Y03.7	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	Removal of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.3	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	Insertion of neurostimulator electrodes into the spinal cord

Q5. Which OPCS coding version (or version of whatever other coding system) is used by your trust (e.g., OPCS 4.5)?

Response:

Oxford Health NHS FT is a provider of specialist secondary mental health services and specialist community health services. The Trust does not provide a pain service and holds no information in respect of your request as a result.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance