

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Dear Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust,

Statistics

1. The number of unique patients that have received a diagnosis of Functional Neurological Disorder in total.
124 patients with F44.4, F44.5, F44.6, F44.7, F44.8, or F44.9 recorded as being their primary diagnosis
2. The same as above but since 2020 (the start of the tax year to the end of this tax year)
20 patients (same definition as above)
3. The total number of unique outpatients seen during the same four year time period
94,312

If your trust has a neurology service or department:

4. If applicable, the total number of outpatients seen for neurology during the same four year time period since 2020.
N/A

Reporting

Note: 1a and 2a only apply if the answers to answers 1 or 2 respectively, are negative. I would also be grateful for yes/no answers where applicable.

1. Does the trust routinely record outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder onto their electronic recording system (which can later be queried electronically to ascertain this number)?
Yes
 - a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely record this information for outpatients diagnosed with any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke (any kind)?
N/A
2. Does the trust routinely report the number of outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder to any other body (including NHS England, Government or any other third party) not including third parties which store or manage data on the trust's behalf such as the trust's IT firm. If so, to whom?
Not specifically, however diagnosis coding is included in the trust's monthly MHSDS submission to NHS England

- a. If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely report this information for any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke?

N/A

Treatment

The below are only applicable if your trust has a rehabilitation, reablement or neurology service.

the use of “treatment” refers to physiotherapy, psychology, orthosis, orthotics, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, vocational therapy, rehabilitation, holistic services, musculoskeletal injections and/or any other physical intervention. Advice or the provision of information including leaflets, booklets and web links/online content I have not classed as treatment for the purposes of these questions. If the only treatment offered is medication then also please state this.

1. Does the trust routinely provide inpatient treatment for FND?
2. Does the trust routinely provide outpatient treatment for FND?
3. Are these provided only within the local commissioning area or a nationwide service?

For clarification, the use of “unique” above refers to patients that have received the same diagnosis twice only being counted once.

We do not provide inpatient care for the primary diagnosis of Functional Neurological disorders and we are not specifically commissioned to provide such a service. Psychological interventions are provided, often when it is a comorbid condition of if the dissociative disorder (ICD F44) is severe.

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