

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 16 August 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. Are your patients coded for the different sub types of MS (multiple sclerosis), Relapse remitting, primary progressive and secondary? Please answer Yes, No, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

No

- 2. For secondary progressive MS are your patients coded? Please answer No coding, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded**

No

- 3. What proportion of your MS patients have a diagnosis of secondary progressive MS (within all MS diagnosed patients? Please answer Unknown, <10%, 10-20%, 21-30%, 31-40%, >50%**

This data is not coded

- 4. For MS patients requiring an MRI, what is the average waiting time? Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

This data is not collected. The current wait for a routine MRI scan across the Trust is circa 10 weeks currently.

- 5. For MS patients requiring an OCT, what is the average waiting time? Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

OCT patients are generally seen within 1 -2 months

- 6. For MS patients what is the average waiting time for IV MS treatment? Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months**

This data is not coded – Patients needing disease modifying treatment or other IV treatments are referred elsewhere to Oxford or Luton.

- 7. When a patient has been diagnosed with MS, what is the average time from diagnosis of MS to initiate treatment?**

This data is not coded – although we have just had an audit of the MS Service, this question is not among the NICE quality standards and therefore has not been looked into. The wait for treatment (if it is disease modifying treatment that you are referring to) is normally in the realm of 3-4 months. If you are referring to treatment following an MS relapse all patients are offered

a review within 14 days as according to NICE guidelines. Treatment with steroids however has significantly reduced since the COVID-19 pandemic due to the potential for a more severe COVID-19 infection on steroids.

8. How many unscheduled admissions have there been for patients with a diagnosis of MS in any position between April – June 2021? Please answer with the number of admissions

48

9. How many MS patients are being treated in neurology rehab? Please answer the number of patients

We do not collect this data specifically

10. Of the patients in Question 8, how many are being treated with an MS disease modifying drug? Please answer with the number of patients

This data is not coded

11. How many MS patients are in the following EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale) groups? 1 – 3.5, 3.5 – 6.5, >7

This data is not coded

12. How many of your physicians can initiate MS disease modifying drug treatment? If possible, please supply the physician's name

No physicians currently can treat with disease modifying treatment currently although this situation at MKUH will eventually change once MS nursing support has been established.

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Yours sincerely,

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