

FOI 3432

20th November 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1: Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out lumbar punctures (cerebrospinal fluid) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Lumbar punctures carried out within the Trust itself	Yes
Lumbar punctures referred elsewhere and carried out external to the Trust	No
Trust does not carry out lumbar punctures to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease	No

Question 2: Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations to which the Trust refers patients for lumbar punctures in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

Full name of organisation(s)
Not applicable

Question 3: How many lumbar punctures to test for Alzheimer's Disease took place in the last three-month period for which data are available?

	Number of procedures
Number of lumbar punctures	<5*

* The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Question 4: How many blood-based biomarker (BBBM) tests for Alzheimer's Disease were conducted during the last three-month period?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of Blood-based Biomarker tests	0	0	0

Question 5: Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests for diagnosing NHS patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Pathology laboratory within the Trust	NA
Pathology laboratory external to the Trust	National Hospital London
Trust does not test for BBBMs to diagnose Alzheimer's Disease	Yes

Question 6: Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers Blood-based Biomarker tests for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease for NHS patients.

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)
Not applicable

Question 7: Which biomarker tests are used to detect Alzheimer’s Disease for patients in the care of the Trust, whether the BBBM tests are carried out within or outside of the Trust?

Full name of biomarker tests
Tau amyloid ratio

Question 8: How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau181 tests	0		

Question 9: Is pTau181 testing for Alzheimer’s Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

	Yes / No
pTau181 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	0

Question 10: How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Number of pTau181 tests	0
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Question 11: How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau217 tests	0		

Question 12: Is pTau217 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

	Yes / No
pTau217 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	0

Question 13: How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Number of pTau217 tests	0
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Question 14: Does your organisation participate in any of the following clinical trials?

	Yes / No
READ-OUT	No
ADAPT	No
Other(s) please specify below:	MND SMART

Question 15a: Which of the following metrics are used by the Trust to measure Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Number of tests	0
Number of kits	0
Number of runs	0
Number of units	0
Number of patients	0

Question 15b: Please can you help us understand how your centre defines the following:

Metrics	Definition
Number of tests	NA
Number of kits	NA
Number of runs	NA
Number of units	NA

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