

FOI 1827

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Question:**

**For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:**

**The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture**

**The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan**

**The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan**

**The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans**

**Response:**

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of patient records. As such, we cannot provide this as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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