

8 December 2016

**Our Ref:** RFI 18757

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to the Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 26 October 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Q1. *Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, would it be possible to have a breakdown of the number of people that are currently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) living in your Trust area.*

*Can I have also have breakdown of the type of MS they have, Benign MS, RRMS, Secondary Progressive MS or Primary Progressive MS and if possible and their age and gender.*

*I would also like to include the number of people suffering with MS who are on active treatment in your trust area.*

A1. The total number of current patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis is 150 - 41 males and 109 females. Please see Table 1 below, which provides the total number broken down by age.

**Table 1**

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Number</b>
6-10	0
11-15	0
16-20	0
21-25	5
26-30	4
31-35	8
36-40	10
41-45	16
46-50	17
51-55	23
56-60	25
61-65	20
66-70	12
71-75	5
76-80	3
81-85	1
86-90	0
90+	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>

Please see Table 2 below, for the financial year 2015/2016 detailing MS type (primary and secondary), age range and gender. Please note the systems used to records diagnosis of MS does not record the level of detail requested with regard to benign MS and RR MS.

Table 2

	Male	Female	Total Number		Age 19-26	Age 27-35	Age 36-45	Age 46-60	Age 61-70	Age 71-80	Age 81-90	Age 90+
<b>Discharges with Primary Diagnosis</b>	4	8	12		0	<5	<5	<05	0	<5	0	0
<b>Daycases with Primary Diagnosis</b>	0	17	17		0	8	8	<5	0	0	0	0
<b>Discharges with Secondary Diagnosis</b>	65	154	219		<5	21	27	70	46	43	10	<5
<b>Daycases with Secondary Diagnosis</b>	19	39	58		0	<5	11	27	7	10	<5	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>306</b>									