

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 19/20: 210**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 17/07/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

- a. *For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the number of patients diagnosed with genetic haemochromatosis under your care.*

**I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested.**

**Whilst we do hold information for patients diagnosed with ‘disorders of iron metabolism’ (International Classification of Diseases/ICD diagnosis code E831), we do not break this down to this subcategory/granular level. We are therefore unable to specify the number of patients diagnosed with genetic haemochromatosis under the Trust’s care.**

- b. *For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the average time in days from first referral from primary care to the patient’s first appointment within your trust.*

**The average time in days from first referral from primary care to the patient’s first appointment within the Trust between 1st January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was 51 days.**

- c. *A copy of the protocol and/or patient pathway applicable to the care of people with genetic haemochromatosis.*  
d. *The date that your protocol/patient pathway for genetic haemochromatosis was last reviewed or revised.*

**All Haematologists use the British Society of Haematology Guidelines 2017.**

- e. *A copy of your clinical protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection.*  
f. *The date that your protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection were last reviewed or revised.*

**This policy is held exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, because the Trust’s Policy is currently being revised.**