

Email:

17 August 2021

Our Ref:

Dear

Re: Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

With reference to your email received by the Data Protection Officer on 23rd July 2021, regarding a Freedom of Information response that had been previously issued to you. I have reviewed your request and can confirm -

1, How much in the last year has the Northern Trust spent transporting Refugee's / Migrant's to their Hospital's.

In 20/21 the Trust spent a total of £92k on taxis for hospital patients, this could be for a range of reasons, it could have been for an appointment, being discharged home or for a relative to visit who was on related benefits and eligible. This is captured as a total figure and cannot be broken down specifically to answer your question.

2, Is it the policy that Doctor's & Hospital's must keep Appointments open for these people, regardless of the long waiting lists for UK Citizens.

All patients are treated equitably in terms of clinical need within the Trust.

I have spoken with the Complaints Department and they will correspond directly with you regarding your wait for your MRI scan.

I trust that the information provided is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

(electronically sent; therefore not signed)

Information Governance Team Leader