

Freedom of Information Request

- 1. How many times between 1 January 2020 – 1 January 2021 and 1 January 2021 – present, the Northern Trust provided a patient with referral to a foodbank**
- 2. If it doesn't incur any extra expenses, I would also like to see the data broken down into age, gender and ethnic background of patients being referred, and the equivalent data for the period 1 January 2019-1 January 2020.**

Whilst the Trust is aware of foodbank services being available in different localities and staff do make use of this for individuals, this information is not recorded centrally by the Trust. In order to provide this information, It would require an extensive manual exercise across many services and Directorates to extract this information from individual client charts which the Trust considers would exceed 18 hours of staff time. Therefore the Trust is applying Section 12 (1) of the FOIA, which states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request, if the staff time taken to determine whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting the information, would exceed 18 hours (at a cost exceeding £450).