

Specialist headache service

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 1) *What are the waiting times, year on year for the past five years, to see a specialist headache service at the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust?*

Answer: Please see below average wait per year from referral to first appointment. Please note the Service started in May 2022 no data is available before then.

May 22 – Dec 22 = 21.8wks

Jan 23 – Dec 23 = 26.8wks

Jan 23 – Mar 24 = 23.8wks

- 2) *What are the referral numbers year on year for the past five years, to see a specialist headache service at the trust?*

Answer: Please see below the number of Referrals to Neurology that resulted in an appointment where the patient attended for the specialist clinics. Please also note, the Service started in May 2022 no data is available before then.

May 22 – Dec 22 = 211

Jan 23 – Dec 23 = 507

Jan 23 – Mar 24 = 128

- 3) *How many patients under the trust are eligible to be prescribed Rimegepant?*

Answer: The Freedom of Information Act allows the public to ask for copies of recorded information held. This information is not held in documentation within the Trust; therefore, we are unable to release information in response to this question.

Rimegepant is a new drug and will be given to patients on a case-by-case basis depending on their presentation. As such it is not possible to predict the exact number of headache patients under our care who would be eligible.

- 4) *How many have been prescribed Rimegepant since its approval by NICE last year?*

Answer: Number of patients prescribed since approval: not exclusive to specialist clinic patients - 53 patients