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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 50578 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Alzheimer's Disease

Your request is set out below:

1. I would be grateful if you could send the Trust's most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of **Alzheimer's Disease** including implementation of lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood-based Biomarker testing. Please include planning documents that cover the entire Trust and specific department plans, such as neurology, psychiatry, care of the elderly, pathology or memory clinic teams.

Please note the Trust does not offer services specifically and solely for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. The Trust Memory Assessment and Diagnosis (MAS) service will assess and diagnose irrespective of underlying cause of memory issues. Attached are the MAS Operational Policy and Standard.

2. How many patients were diagnosed with **Alzheimer's Disease** (ICD-10 codes = G30, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, F00, F00.1, F00.2 or F00.9) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are available?

	Number of patients
Total Alzheimer' Disease	2,245

3. How many patients were diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment and / or Mild Dementia due to **Alzheimer's Disease** (ICD-10 codes = G31.84, G30.1, or MMSE scores = 21 to 24) in your Trust in the last 12-month period for which data are available?

ICD10 Codes are not routinely recorded within the 'diagnosis' section on our clinical records for community-based patients, this data is only routinely collected in respect of an inpatient stays. Therefore, the requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical documentation which cannot be extracted as a stand-alone piece of data, reporting against diagnosis will in most cases provide and incomplete and therefore

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inaccurate reflection of the potential prevalence. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

4. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out lumbar punctures (cerebrospinal fluid) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

N/A - the Trust does not offer these services.

5. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations to which the Trust refers patients for lumbar punctures in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

KMPT would refer each individual client to the Acute Hospital trust within the relevant area.

6. What is the average waiting time for a patient to get an appointment for a lumbar puncture to test for a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease?

N/A - the Trust does not offer these services.

7. How many lumbar punctures to test for Alzheimer's Disease took place in the last 3-month period for which data are available?

N/A - the Trust does not offer these services.

8. How many Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) to test for Alzheimer's Disease were conducted in the last 3-month period for which data are available?

KMPT would refer each individual client to the Acute Hospital trust within the relevant area.

9. Where, if at all, does the Trust carry out Blood-based Biomarker (BBBM) tests from Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for diagnosing patients with Alzheimer's Disease?

KMPT would refer each individual client to the Acute Hospital trust within the relevant area.

10. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers Blood-based Biomarker tests from cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for pathology in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

KMPT would refer each individual client to the Acute Hospital trust within the relevant area.

11. What is the average waiting time for pathology results to come back from Blood-based Biomarker tests?

N/A - the Trust does not offer these services.

12. To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease?

Please note that answers below refer to the development and service improvement of the trust Memory Assessment Service and not specifically to plans relating to the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease

	Yes / No
Implementation of plans has started	Yes
A plan exists and implementation has not started	N/A
A plan is being developed	N/A
There is no plan	N/A
Other – please state	N/A

13. Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing **Alzheimer's Disease** related to:

	Yes / No
Cognitive assessment services	Yes
Biomarker services	No
None / neither	

14. Which of the following services does the Trust have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for **Alzheimer's Disease**?

N/A - the Trust does not offer these services KMPT would refer each individual client to the Acute Hospital trust within the relevant area.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department