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REQUEST

1 – Are your patients coded for the different sub types of MS (multiple sclerosis), Relapse remitting, primary progressive and secondary?

No

2 – For secondary progressive MS are your patients coded?

No

3 – What proportion of your MS patients have a diagnosis of secondary progressive MS (within all MS diagnosed patients?)

Unknown/ this is not captured in coding

4 – For MS patients requiring an MRI, what is the average waiting time?

Patients' medical condition (e.g. MS) is not captured when coding a waiting list

5 – For MS patients requiring an OCT, what is the average waiting time?

As above

6 – For MS patients what is the average waiting time for IV MS treatment?

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7 – When a patient has been diagnosed with MS, what is the average time from diagnosis of MS to initiate treatment?

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8 – How many unscheduled admissions have there been for patients with a diagnosis of MS in any position between April – June 2021?

There were 41 non elective admissions between 01/04/2021 and 30/06/2021 with patients coded with a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (ICD-10 code of G35).

9 – How many MS patients are being treated in neurology rehab?

This Trust does not have neurology rehab beds

10 – Of the patients in Question 8, how many are being treated with an MS disease modifying drug?

The Pharmacy stock control system does not record indications for treatment, we can identify patients that have received certain medication but cannot say if they have received said medication for a particular indication such as MS.

11 – How many MS patients are in the following EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale) groups?

This information is not captured on current clinical systems

12 – How many of your physicians can initiate MS disease modifying drug treatment? If possible please supply the physicians name

MS flares are managed by visiting neurologists and all treatment is started on their recommendations.