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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Breast Cancer family history services within your trust

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Does your trust have a familial cancer service or services for people who have a history of the disease or related cancers in their family? a) If no, please answer question 2 b) If yes, please answer questions 3-5.	Yes.			
2. If your trust does not have a familial cancer service, where do you refer patients who need to have their familial breast cancer risk assessed?	N/A			
3a. If your trust does have a familial cancer service, could you please provide us with: The number of referrals your unit has received for assessment of possible familial breast cancer risk for each of the following periods: 21/22, 22/23 & 23/24?	21/22 - 90 22/23 - 74 23/24 - 109			
3b. If your trust does have a familial cancer service, could you please provide us with: How many patients were identified as moderate risk* of breast cancer for each of the following periods: 21/22, 22/23 & 23/24?	Information is not held.			
3c. If your trust does have a familial cancer service, could you please provide us with: How many patients were identified as high risk** of breast cancer for each of the following periods: 21/22, 22/23 & 23/24?	Information not held.			

<p>4. Which services do you offer to patients who are assessed as being at increased risk?</p>	<p>We offer a few services; the main ones are referring patients over to clinical genetics at Nottingham University Hospitals for further testing. If any of the testing shows that they need surgical intervention like risk reducing mastectomy then that is something we offer here at Sherwood Forest Hospitals. We also place patients on the National Breast Screening Database which is managed by Clinical Support, Therapies and Outpatients (CSTO) who then go onto more frequent monitoring of mammograms which may be outside the norm for their age or gender.</p>			
<p>5. For people referred into your family history service, does your unit have any additional inclusion criteria it uses to determine who can receive different types of support, if so, what are those criteria for?</p>	<p>Our Family History Service is managed mainly by our lead breast care specialist nurse, who offers a lot of wellbeing and holistic support as she would do with a breast confirmed cancer patient or refers them onto different community services if needed.</p>			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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