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**9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**1. Has your Trust implemented GIRFT pathway for suspected CES in all of its hospitals.**

No

**2. If the answer to Q1 is affirmative, please advise when it was implemented and advise on the following:**

- i. **Number of CES related training to staff in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**
- ii. **Number of MRI scans undertaken for suspected CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**
- iii. **Average time between MRI referral and performance of the scan for suspected CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**
- iv. **Number of patients who underwent surgery for CES in the period since implemented compared to the same period duration prior to implementation.**
- v. **Breakdown of feedback raised by clinicians with your Trust regarding implementation of the pathway including total number of clinicians who provided feedback, whether positive or negative and its nature (for example resource issue /training/delays/patient safety).**

**3. If the answer to Q1 is negative, please state:**

- i. **If only some hospitals within your Trust implemented the pathway, please state which ones did not and the reason why.**

It will be implemented at all hospitals.

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**ii. What other policy is followed with regards to the diagnosis and management of CES?**

East Midlands Spinal Network Pathway.

**iii. Are the plans for the pathway to be implemented in the future and if so when? If not, why not?**

Yes – Date of implementation not known.

**iv. Breakdown of feedback raised by clinicians with your Trust regarding lack of implementation of the pathway including total number of clinicians who provided feedback, whether positive or negative and its nature (for example resource issue /training/delays/patient safety).**

N/A

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](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

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Yours faithfully

**Information Governance Team**

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