

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-392	11 August 2023
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Your request

You requested the following:

For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans

Our response

Patients who have these tests may have a wide range of diagnoses. In terms of clinical coding, only the definitive diagnosis or symptoms are recorded and not the condition that the patient is being tested for.

The information requested may be captured in individual patient records. We would therefore need to review individual patient records to extract this information and therefore, in order to comply with your request, we have established that this would take longer than 18 hours to undertake which would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is £450.

This exemption is absolute and does not require us to consider the application of the public interest test.