

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-545	24 th January 2022
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Any guidance/process/procedure/pathway relating to Parkinsons support following diagnosis

All patients diagnosed by a neurologist with Parkinsons Disease (PD) will be informed about PDUK websites and other literature available on the internet. Neurologists will explain in writing, in their clinic letter that there is a Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist (PDNS) and all patients receive a copy of this letter. They make a written referral to a PDNS, usually depending on age and if they are staying in the neurology service. If not, patients are referred directly on to a Care of the Elderly (COTE) consultant. The patient then gets appointed into a relevant clinic via our appointment system as directed by the PDNS via letter of referral or via new consult referral.

If not included in the above please specify any timescales following diagnosis for support e.g. referral from diagnosing medical professional to Parkinsons Nurse Practitioner

The current wait for a new appointment is 15 weeks. Target follow up appointment dates are individual and set by the consultant.

Please provide details of any quality procedure specifying how you monitor whether follow up appointments in relation to epilepsy and Parkinsons are carried out within timescales specified by the relevant medical profession

Clinics have been organised to reflect and improve management of patients with Parkinson's Disease over the last two years providing patient and carers with better access to the right clinic, new patient clinic, video clinics, monthly video complex clinic with Multi Disciplinary Team support, and frequent telephone clinic and Face to Face appointment if required. Epilepsy waiting times are 26 weeks for 1st appointment, however, we also have an open access service so urgent patients can be seen in a rapid access clinic depending on clinical urgency.

Provide details of statistics measuring the % of patients who are seen within timescales set out in the above quality procedure for the past 4 years covering 2018 to 2021 to current date

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