

FOI Request Response information

FOI request reference:	2016/148
Date request received:	09/06/2016
Date request responded to:	07/07/2016
Category:	Service delivery
Tags:	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Myalgic Encephalopathy

Request Detail:

For your last calendar or accounting year, please could you summarise what proportion (or numbers) of treated CFS/ME patients were identified under the following categories:

1. Mild CFS/ME
2. Moderate CFS/ME
3. Severe CFS/ME
4. Very severe CFS/ME (if a distinct category)

If you could comment on how representative of the general CFS population you believe your figures to be, I would be most grateful.

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

1. Mild CFS/ME **See below**
2. Moderate CFS/ME **We only accept referrals for Mild and Moderate categories of CFS patients but the referring GP's are often not sure which category they fall into so they do not indicate on referral. Our clinical experience tells us that the vast majority of patients referred would be classified as Moderate. In the year 2015/16 we worked with 153 individual patients.**
3. Severe CFS/ME **We don't accept referrals for severe CFS/ME we only accept referrals for Mild/Moderate patients.**
4. Very severe CFS/ME (if a distinct category) **We don't accept referrals for severe CFS/ME we only accept referrals for Mild/Moderate patients..**

If you could comment on how representative of the general CFS population you believe your figures to be, I would be most grateful.

We believe that the referrals we receive are a good representation of the CFS population with probably less than 10% of the CFS population being in the severe category that we don't treat.