

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Our Ref: NIC-105416-N7C9M

Dear Robin Ellis,

**Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000**

Thank you for your email dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 requesting information in respect of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) patients:

*"I seek information on the changes in the physical health of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) patients, as a result of attending the CFS, clinic between 2007-2017, including but not limited to each of the following parameters.*

*Physical functional capacity - objective changes*

- i) two day CPET test*
- ii) 6 minute walk test*
- iii) Up and go Test*
- iv) Oxygen uptake while walking*
- v) resting heart rate*
- vi) heart rate variability*
- vii) activity as per actigraph*
- viii) activity as per pedometer*
- ix) ataxia*
- x) daily temperature*

*Physical functional capacity - subjective changes*

- i) return to school/work part-time*
- ii) return to school/work full-time*
- ii) change in hobbies/sports*

*Physiological changes*

- i) anaerobic threshold*
- ii) chronotropic incompetence*
- ii) diabetes insipidus*
- iv) orthostatic intolerance"*

We have considered your request and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that we do not hold the information that you have requested.

This data is held locally by CFS clinics, so you would need to contact the specific CFS clinic(s) for the locality/localities you are interested in to obtain this information.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS Digital website.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) email address or by post at the above postal address.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Corney  
**Information Assurance Advisor**

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