

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

“On the 22nd of July 2008 you sent me a letter as referenced above. The subject of the letter was diagnostic Trends in IHR Outcomes/Accepts. As there has been a significant shift in IHR practice since April 2008, I was wondering if there have been any new figures published. If so could you possible provide me with a set?”

Status: Complete

Response Date: 7 June 2010

In response to your request please find attached 3 tables of information:

Table 1 contains data relating to the number of **initial** applications for ill health retirement benefits (IHR) that were successful in each of the last 5 years ending 31 March 2009 broken down into very broad diagnostic groups. It does not include appeals. Although you are looking for an update from 2007 may I explain that NHS Pensions now produces the data on a five-year rolling basis and as a consequence is unable to isolate the last 2 years only.

Table 2 provides details of the outcomes of initial applications for IHR by slightly more detailed diagnostic category for year ending **31 March 2008**

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Table 1 below provides data relating to the number of initial applications for ill health retirement benefits (IHR) that were successful in each of the last 5 years ending 31 March 2009 broken down into broad diagnostic groups. It does not include appeals.

Initial IHR Outcomes and Acceptances by Diagnostic category										
	2004/05		2005/06		2006/07		2007/2008		2008/2009	
Diagnoses	All	Acce pts	All	Acce pts	All	Acce pts	All	Acce pts	All	Acce pts
All categories	4077	2474 (61%)	3780	2140 (57%)	3961	2186 (55%)	3676	2171 (59%)	3371	1998 (59%)
Neoplasms	442 11%	380 15%	499 13%	432 20%	511 13%	437 20%	519 14%	466 22%	483 14%	442 22%
Nervous system	351 9%	296 12%	414 11%	332 16%	409 10.5%	320 14.5%	384 11%	301 14%	355 11%	300 15%
Circulatory system	297 7%	176 7%	221 6%	129 6%	214 5.5%	127 6%	189 5%	134 6%	168 5%	102 5%
Musculo-skeletal system	1548 38%	893 36%	1412 37%	711 33%	1488 37%	739 34%	1367 37%	696 32%	1251 37%	633 32%
Mental health	819 20%	386 16%	676 18%	238 11%	720 18%	231 10.5%	661 18%	249 11%	583 17%	237 12%
The Rest	620 15%	343 14%	558 15%	298 14%	541 14%	332 15%	556 15%	325 15%	531 16%	284 14%

Table 2 - Initial Ill-Health Retirement Outcomes by IHR ICD Clearance Codes y/e 31 March 2008

IHR Initial	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	7	0.19%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%	9	0.24%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	15	0.41%	3	0.08%	48	1.31%	66	1.80%
Congenital malformations and deformations	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%	1	0.03%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	15	0.41%	0	0.00%	2	0.05%	17	0.46%
Diseases of the circulatory system	134	3.65%	10	0.27%	45	1.22%	189	5.14%
Diseases of the digestive system	37	1.01%	7	0.19%	27	0.73%	71	1.93%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	17	0.46%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	34	0.92%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	47	1.28%	1	0.03%	15	0.41%	63	1.71%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	23	0.63%	4	0.11%	13	0.35%	40	1.09%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (back)	279	7.59%	48	1.31%	281	7.64%	608	16.54%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non back)	417	11.34%	61	1.66%	281	7.64%	759	20.65%
Diseases of the nervous system	301	8.19%	31	0.84%	52	1.41%	384	10.45%
Diseases of the respiratory system	80	2.18%	6	0.16%	31	0.84%	117	3.18%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	18	0.49%	1	0.03%	4	0.11%	23	0.63%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	33	0.90%	4	0.11%	21	0.57%	58	1.58%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	1	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%
Factors influencing health status	18	0.49%	0	0.00%	7	0.19%	25	0.68%
Injury, poisoning and other external consequences	13	0.35%	1	0.03%	5	0.14%	19	0.52%
Mental and behavioural disorders	245	6.66%	27	0.73%	382	10.39%	654	17.79%
Neoplasms	466	12.68%	13	0.35%	40	1.09%	519	14.12%
Stress	4	0.11%	0	0.00%	3	0.08%	7	0.19%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	1	0.03%	1	0.03%	3	0.08%	5	0.14%
Unknown category	0	0.00%	1	0.03%	6	0.16%	7	0.19%
Grand Total	2171	59.06%	224	6.09%	1281	34.85%	3676	100.00%

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Table 3 - Initial Ill-Health Retirement Outcomes by IHR ICD Clearance Codes y/e 31 March 2009

Initial IHR	Accepted		Deferred		Not Accepted		Total	
	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%	Volume	%
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	6	0.18%	2	0.06%	0	0.00%	8	0.24%
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	21	0.62%	9	0.27%	65	1.93%	95	2.82%
Congenital malformations and deformations	2	0.06%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.06%
Diseases of blood and blood forming organs	15	0.44%	1	0.03%	0	0.00%	16	0.47%
Diseases of the circulatory system	102	3.03%	20	0.59%	46	1.36%	168	4.98%
Diseases of the digestive system	39	1.16%	7	0.21%	14	0.42%	60	1.78%
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	9	0.27%	5	0.15%	12	0.36%	26	0.77%
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	27	0.80%	1	0.03%	8	0.24%	36	1.07%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	20	0.59%	3	0.09%	14	0.42%	37	1.10%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (back)	279	8.28%	69	2.05%	219	6.50%	567	16.82%
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system (non back)	354	10.50%	92	2.73%	238	7.06%	684	20.29%
Diseases of the nervous system	300	8.90%	22	0.65%	33	0.98%	355	10.53%
Diseases of the respiratory system	69	2.05%	6	0.18%	22	0.65%	97	2.88%
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	12	0.36%	2	0.06%	1	0.03%	15	0.44%
Endocrine, nutritional and Metabolic diseases	25	0.74%	6	0.18%	12	0.36%	43	1.28%
External causes of morbidity and mortality	1	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.03%
Factors influencing health status	18	0.53%	2	0.06%	12	0.36%	32	0.95%
Injury, poisoning and other external consequences	15	0.44%	1	0.03%	3	0.09%	19	0.56%
Mental and behavioural disorders	235	6.97%	25	0.74%	318	9.43%	578	17.15%
Neoplasms	442	13.11%	24	0.71%	17	0.50%	483	14.33%
Stress	2	0.06%	0	0.00%	3	0.09%	5	0.15%
Symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	2	0.06%	4	0.12%	12	0.36%	18	0.53%
Unknown category	3	0.09%	4	0.12%	19	0.56%	26	0.77%
Grand Total	1998	59.27%	305	9.05%	1068	31.68%	3371	100.00%

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