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11th March 2009

Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. **In relation to the mandatory reporting figures your Trust has provided to the Health Protection Agency on;**
 - a) **Financial year annual counts of C. difficile for patients aged 2 years and over**
 - b) **Financial year reports of MRSA bacteraemia**

Please provide a breakdown of the figures held by the Health Protection Agency for your Trust for 2006-07, 2007-08 by the place where the infection was acquired, stating, in particular, in how many cases in each year the infection was acquired in a care home.

We will not be disclosing this information as we estimate it would take a member of staff approximately 18 hours to produce and validate the initial information. Under section 12 of the Act we are entitled to withhold information if we consider that the cost of providing information would exceed £450. When calculating the cost of providing information we are required to value staff time at £25 per hour. Therefore the cost of complying with your request as it is currently drafted would be in the region of £450. We therefore rely upon the exemption at s12 of the Act to withhold the information you have requested.

If you are not satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Lorraine Hesketh, Communications Manager on 01942 822159. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been

able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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