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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

Under the terms of Freedom of Information Act I would like to request information regarding the organisation's overall financial spend for FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18 and projected spend for FY 2018-19.

Please see the attached completed spreadsheet, the web address below will take you to the Trusts Annual Report for the information relating to the Trusts overall financial spend for financial year's 2016/17 and 2017/18:

http://www.wwl.nhs.uk/about_us/annual_report.aspx

Refusal Notice for lines 14 and 15 questions B and C of the attached spreadsheet - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Regulation 4(3) of the Fees Regulations states that a public authority can only take into account the costs it reasonably expects to incur in carrying out the following permitted activities in complying with the request:

- ☐ determining whether the information is held;
- ☐ locating the information, or a document containing it;
- ☐ retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- ☐ extracting the information from a document containing it.

All public authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour.

This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work for all public authorities.

The level of detail requested is not held within our systems and to manually review every Purchase Order in 17/18 to identify the equipment identified within both categories would take in excess of 18 hours.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF