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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:

Do you have data showing the outcome of breast cancer surgery at your trust in relation to:

(1) Survival rates for patients five years after surgery?

(1a) Can you tell me what the figure is?

(1b) Do you have results for individual surgeons?

(2) Survival rates for patients ten years after surgery?

(2a) Can you tell me what the figure is?

(2b) Do you have results for individual surgeons?

Do you have data showing the outcome of breast cancer surgery at your trust in relation to:

We are unable to provide the information requested as we cannot produce accurate statistics based on the data we have at the Trust.

Information is available via the Cancer Research UK Website, please see the link below.

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-info/cancerstats/local-cancer-statistics/?location-name-1=Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust&location-1=RRF>

(3) Local Recurrence rates for patients five years after mastectomy and breast conserving surgery.

(3a) Can you tell me what the figures are.

(3b) Do you have figures for individual surgeons?

Refusal Notice for Question 3 - 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.

We are unable to provide this information within the allotted time, as this would require an audit to be carried out and each individual record would need to be looked at going back to patients operated on before 2012.

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,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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