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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 Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

*I note that Wigan NHS porters who handle patients are on band 2 and supervisors are on band 3. Please correct me if this is wrong. We are currently trying to increase our banding levels to match yours but keep getting knocked back by management who say ours are correct and Wigan probably have a different job specification. Under the freedom of information act, I therefore request that will you please forward me information regarding your job specifications for a band 2 and band 3 porter.*

*This will be very useful and help us present a case for equality in pay structure. Porterage seems very prone to what local management seems to think is right especially here. Most NHS porters are in fact band 2 but Bolton needs more convincing, possibly with the introduction of private contractors who pay band 1.*

*The main pool of porters work for ISS but about 4 years ago radiology porters went back in house. There are 5 porters in our team this affects. Any information you can supply to help our case would be greatly appreciated. This is not confidential information and I can see no problems in releasing it .*

Please find attached the job descriptions that are attached to our porter roles.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. 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,



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