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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:

*Please can you provide me with further information of an itemised list of projects/contracts on health consultancy services/projects over £500 between financial years:*

*April 2014-March 2015  
April 2013-March 2014  
April 2012-March 2013*

*For each of these financial years, please also give a brief indication of what the payments were for (contract name/project title).*

*For each of these contracts, please state the supplier name.*

*I refer to the term 'consultancy' with regards to 'consultancy on the health sector' in areas including but not limited to:*

- evaluating health care policy including their impact on health care delivery and spending*
- evaluating clinical practice including their impact on health care delivery and spending*
- projects aimed to improve the efficiency and sustainability of health care systems*
- health economics and outcomes research*
- measurement and understanding of patient reported outcomes*
- health technology assessments (appraising medical technology for NICE approval)*
- statistics in health and healthcare*

*Please supply this in a excel/cvs format, thank you.*

**Refusal Notice.** 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.

This information is not readily available, we would have to review individual invoices in order to answer this question.

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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.

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,



**Rob Forster**  
Acting Chief Executive

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