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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:

The NCHA is researching NHS hearing care in England. Goals of the research include

- estimating unmet hearing need, so that we can improve national datasets and help NHS commissioners and Health and Wellbeing Boards better support local populations with hearing loss*
- assessing whether service provision varies across England and if so how.*

A form is attached to help complete the FoI request efficiently. However, if you wish, you can answer the request using your preferred format – e.g. email, letter etc.

Refusal Notice. Questions 7 and 8. Commercially sensitive information relating to the revenue generated per item has not been disclosed here as we consider that Section 43 (2) 'prejudice to the commercial interests of any party' of the FOI act is engaged. Disclosure of this information could be commercially detrimental to the trust and companies acting on our behalf and result in less competitive prices. The likely consequence of this would be reduced revenue to the trust. We have considered how the public interest might apply, and although recognising that there is a strong public interest in openness, there is a greater public interest in ensuring an ability to obtain best value for money.

Refusal Notice. Questions 14 – 17. The pricing information that you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because this information is easily accessible by some other means. Please use the link below to obtain details of the pricing tariff.

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/resources/pay-syst/tariff-guide/>

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.

Chairman: Robert Armstrong
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Yours sincerely,



Rob Forster
Acting 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, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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