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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 Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for the years 2010 to 2015 inclusive:

- 1. The names of the hospitals, clinics or other settings in which you provided acupuncture treatments.*
- 2. The number of acupuncture treatments provided and the number of patients treated at each of these locations.*
- 3. The types of clinicians who provided these treatments, eg physiotherapists, doctors, acupuncturists.*
- 4. The total cost of providing acupuncture treatments at each of these locations.*
- 5. The cost of acupuncture needles purchased included in the total cost.*

1. Acupuncture is provided in the Therapy Department at Wrightington Hospital and Leigh Infirmary
2. This information is not available. Acupuncture treatments are not recorded specifically as it forms part of the patients overall physiotherapy treatment programme
3. Physiotherapists with post graduate training in acupuncture provide this treatment
4. A physiotherapist treatment session costs £59 plus £2.18 for needles
5. Acupuncture needles are purchased at £18.24 per 100

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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