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19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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:

- 1. I would like to know how much it costs to provide a hip replacement operation. I would be grateful if you could break down how you have arrived at this figure (for example, whether it includes x-rays, blood tests, surgical time). I do not know whether you have separate figures for metal-on-metal hips, metal-on-poly and resurfacing. If so, I would be interested in figures for each.*
- 2. I would also like to know how much a revision surgery costs. Please break this figure down in the same way. I understand that Trusts provide the Department of Health with the costs of performing these procedures, so it may be possible to find the information there. I believe these are called "reference costs".*

It is not possible to isolate hip replacement and revision procedures using reference costs therefore we are unable to provide the information required to answer questions 1 and 2.

- 3. Please confirm whether you have agreed any figures for hip replacement revision surgeries with any medical device companies/manufacturers and what these figures are, plus, how much you have claimed back from the company (or companies) so far.*

To date WWL have received payment of £69,891.36 from manufacturers in respect of metal on metal claims.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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