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4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

*I am writing to obtain information on how much money your trust spent on employing third parties – including, but not limited to, scrap dealers or auction houses - to remove/dispose of surplus medical equipment from your facilities in the last three financial years.*

*Should this be beyond the scope of this request, please provide the information for the last financial year.*

*I would like to know the total amount of items removed and the total amount of money that has left the trust to pay for these items to be removed (for example, in 2013/14 – 100 items were removed at a total cost of £1,000).*

*Please include the total amount of money paid 'upfront' (i.e – you paid party 'x' £100 to remove an item of equipment) and the amount of commission paid to auction houses following a sale (i.e – 'Auction House A' received £2,000 for a piece of surplus equipment. The NHS subsequently had to pay £200 commission/fees on that sale).*

The WWL Trust uses an appointed UK Auction house that comes, in upon our request, to come and remove obsolete and unwanted medical equipment from the Trust premises.

In 2014 – 70 items were removed at a total cost of £9,372.13 +VAT  
In 2015 – 103 items were removed at a total cost of £8,154.86 +VAT  
In 2016 – 51 items were removed at a total cost of £3,421.81 +VAT  
In 2017 – 90 items were removed at a total cost of £6,046.92 +VAT  
In 2018 – 1 item were removed at a total cost of £69.60 +VAT

Grand Total of 315 items, worth £27,065.32

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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