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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.

I am making this request under Freedom of Information Act, and I would like you to supply me with the following information:

1. *A copy of your presentation to the Health Board in recommending privatisation of the outsourcing of the non-medical resources.*

[The setting up of WWL Solutions is not privatisation. There was no presentation made to our Trust Board.](#)

2. *A copy of the report showing the financial justification for the setting up of the above*

[No such report has been produced.](#)

3. *Details of any tax savings.*

[It is a limited company wholly owned by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, and at the present time the tax status of the company has not been determined.](#)

4. *Whether the Health Board is responsible for costs of working out the payment of wages of the medical staff.*

[The Trust pays its medical staff according to national guidelines. Please see the link below for the current Terms and Conditions.](#)

<http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/pay-and-reward/medical-staff/pay-circulars>

5. *Why the privatisation does not extend to the inclusion of medical staff.*

[The setting up of WWL Solutions is not privatisation.](#)

6. *Whether the three members of the Board will be replaced once they have left to take over the running of this private company.*

Only one Board member is leaving to join WWL Solutions, they have reached the end of their fixed term contract.

7. *Details of the salaries of the directors for this new private company.*

Employees are being transferred to WWL Solutions under TUPE Regulations. Details of amounts earned by directors in 2018 – 2019 will be published in WWL Solutions Annual Report.

8. *Where the money will come from to pay for the purchase of services for this new private company.*

The money to purchase these services will come from the Department of Health as it does at the present time; no additional money will be provided.

9. *Whether, once set up, the new company will receive a payment from the government.*

No

10. *Details of why it is necessary to set up this new private company. Was this the idea of the government; if not, who within the Health Service is promoting this idea?*

WWL Solutions will provide a financial benefit to the Trust without compromising on service delivery. Please use the link below to access details provided by NHS Providers:

<http://nhsproviders.org/wholly-owned-subsiidiaries-in-the-nhs>

11. *A full explanation of how this new company will save money.*

The Trust is currently undergoing a detailed due diligence process to define the operating model.

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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