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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.

1. Do you receive private patients from outside the UK? What percentage of total patients does this cover? From which region(s) of the world?

Yes the Trust receives private patients from overseas. The percentage is not calculated but it is only a few patients per annum. Patients attend from across the world.

2. Does your trust engage in foreign direct investment abroad (practitioners/the trust engaging in overseas ventures, joint ventures, setting up subsidiaries of the NHS abroad...). If so roughly what percentage of your total time/work force is engaged in this activity? In which regions of the world?

We do not engage in direct investment abroad.

3. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, in which area(s) of health care do you provide private services?

We provide services across acute healthcare but predominantly orthopaedic care.

4. If you answered yes to questions 1 or 2, have you seen a decline or increase in private activity over the last 5 years? Do you expect to increase private provision of health care in the future?

The numbers of patients are too small to measure meaningful increases or decreases in activity.

5. What measures are taken to ensure that core NHS health services free at the point of use are protected despite these private activities?

All private patient activity is undertaken in either a dedicated private patient theatre, outside of NHS time or where during NHS time, with additional NHS time being made available to compensate.

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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