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Response Due: 17th April 2025

Date: 8th April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th March 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Has the Trust conducted a duplicate payment review on supplier payments in the last five years?**
The Trust participates in the National Fraud Initiative every 2 years that includes a duplicate payment review, and proactive management of potential duplicates are flagged by the system reports on a weekly basis.
- 2. Is the Trust's Accounts Payable service outsourced or in-house?**
Outsourced.
- 3. Does the Trust have any ongoing or planned duplicate payment review exercises?**
The Trust will participate in the next National Fraud Initiative exercise and continue with proactive management of the weekly reports.
- 4. If no recent review has been conducted, is there a process for reviewing supplier payments for potential duplicate payments?**
N/A.
- 5. Within the Trust, which department, is currently accountable for financial recovery audits and supplier payment reviews?**
Financial Services.

6. How many invoices do you process in an average financial year and what is the average total value of those invoice?

A search for the information has now been completed within the Trust the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link: <https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/annual-report-and-accounts>.

Please use the link above and select the "Annual Report" drop down, then click "Download a PDF version of WWL's Annual Report and Accounts 2023/24". The requested information can be found on Page 150 of the Annual Report under "Trade invoices paid in the period".

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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