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Date Received: 9th May 2024

Response Due: 7th June 2024

Date: 20th May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9th May 2024, 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:

1a. Does your trust provide funding for point-of-care home blood monitoring devices for people with cancer who are receiving systemic anticancer therapy? (Y/N) For added context, examples of such devices include Xprecia (by Universal Biosensors) & Liberty (by Entia), and they offer full white blood counts to assess side effects caused because of cancer treatment. No.

i. If yes, how is it funded? (please elaborate) N/A

1b. If not, is it because the pharmaceutical company already funds it? (Y/N) (please elaborate) No.

ii. If yes, out of which budget does it come out from? (please elaborate) $N\!/\!A$

1c. Furthermore, if these funding schemes do not currently exist at your trust and are not funded by pharmaceutical companies, are there plans to fund such initiatives in the future? (Y/N) Yes, to be considered from block funding if capacity allows.

i. If yes, please give some examples of some of the funding initiatives. Examples of some of these funding pots include but are not limited to, the virtual wards fund, the digital fund, and the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)? (Please provide a detailed answer) To be considered from block funding if capacity allows, or UEC funding.

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,



Lynne Braley Director of Operations & Performance – Community Division

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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