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11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**Please could I request the information from Jan 2017 to present day (22nd May 2019)**

**1, The total number of Patients with a relapsed Haematological condition under Wigan Care and the number of Patients that have been successfully transferred to a specialist patient centre.**

**2, Number of days between the first suspicion of relapse to the transfer request being sent out.**

**Refusal Notice** - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

The reason for the exemption is:

Our cancer database tracking system (Somerset) can only search by date of diagnosis and not simply whether a patient has relapsed. The work to retrieve this information would take over 18 hours to collect as it would require a person to manually go through all our Haematological cancer diagnosis that we have on Somerset and to see whether they have relapsed disease or not. The numbers of patients involved would be several hundred if not over 1000.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Regulation 4(3) of the Fees Regulations states that a public authority can only take into account the costs it reasonably expects to incur in carrying out the following permitted activities in complying with the request:

- determining whether the information is held;
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

All public authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour.

This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work for all public authorities.

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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