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Date: 21st August 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 126

Dear *****,

Freedom of Information request : Charging Private Hospitals to use NHS MDTs (CORP 2023 - 126)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 30th July 2023.

Your Request:

I am researching the use of NHS multi-disciplinary team meetings (MDTs) for patients being treated as either NHS or private patients at nearby private hospitals. Please provide the following information.

1. *Has the authority ever audited the number of patients being discussed at MDT meetings who were having treatment (surgery, radiotherapy and or chemotherapy or system therapy) at private hospitals.*
2. *If so, please provide the number of patients being treated at private hospitals during the audit period, as well as the total number of patients discussed in your MDTs during the same period.*
3. *Does the authority make a charge to private hospitals/ clinics when their patients are discussed at one of your MDTs?*
4. *If so, how much revenue was raised through this during each of the past three financial years*
5. *If charges are made, are these on a per case basis, or an annual fee linked to total volumes.*

The Trust has reviewed your request which is correctly formatted and complies with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Information you have requested is below:

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The Trust has never performed an audit on the number of patients being discussed at MDT meetings, who were having treatment (surgery, radiotherapy and or chemotherapy or system therapy) at private hospitals.

2. If so, please provide the number of patients being treated at private hospitals during the audit period, as well as the total number of patients discussed in your MDTs during the same period.

Information not held, please see the Trust's response to Question 1

3. Does the authority make a charge to private hospitals/ clinics when their patients are discussed at one of your MDTs?

Information not held, please see the Trust's response to Question 1

4. If so, how much revenue was raised through this during each of the past three financial years 5. If charges are made, are these on a per case basis, or an annual fee linked to total volumes.

Information not held, please see the Trust's response to Question 1

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint to:-

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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

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Yours sincerely,

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