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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 3993**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th August 2019.

Your request was as follows:

This information is in respect of your contingency planning for a "No Deal" Brexit that is forecast for 31 October 2019.

My interest is not in the efficiency of your planning. My interest lies in better understanding how you are predicting the consequences on a No Deal Brexit on 31 October. The information I request is set out below.

1. The contingency planning instructions and assumptions you have received from the Department of Health, and/or NHS England, and/or any other body;

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

"(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)-

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment..."The information you have requested is published in the public domain, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-for-a-possible-no-deal-eu-exit-information-for-the-health-and-care-sector> As a result, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you.

2. Any separate instructions from any of the above entities you have received in respect of the release of such plans or parts thereof to the public;

No

3. Copies of any contingency plans or draft plans you have so far prepared.

- See question 4 response below

4. If these plans are not available in full, then details will suffice covering:

1. Estimates of likely cancelled elective surgery over the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020, or the period for which you have made forecasts;

- No likely cancellations forecasted

2. Estimates in changes in waiting times over your current waiting times for:

1. Cancer diagnosis;

- No changes forecasted

2. The commencement of cancer treatment;

- No changes forecasted

3. The impact on A&E services including changes you anticipate in meeting A&E response times;

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have an Accident & Emergency Department.

4. Your broad estimates of total avoidable deaths (or changes in forecast death rates) that can be attributed to your anticipated changes to service levels.

- N/A see aforementioned detail

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 3993 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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