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Re: Freedom of Information Request FIRM 3878

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th June 2019.

Your request was received as follows:

1. The trust's daily cost on food per patient for the financial years:

2017
2018
2019

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information regarding the daily cost on food per patient as we get invoiced the same amount each month from our contracts with ISS without any split information therefore we cannot apportion these costs. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

2: The total number of food quality complaints reported by patients and/or their families during or after their treatment at your NHS trust regarding the quality of food provided by the trust in the financial years:

2017/2018 – 1
2018/2019 – 0

2. Please detail the specific food which has received the most complaints for this financial year only. – I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information surrounding the specific food the complaint was made in 2017/2018 therefore we are unable to provide this information, Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

3. Please provide the total number of Listeriosis cases documented which developed because of food provided to them during their treatment at your NHS trust for the financial years:

2017 - 0
2018 - 0
2019 - 0

4. Please tell me the number of deaths caused by malnutrition as the underlying cause or contributing factor for the financial years: - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we would not receive referrals to treat patients for malnutrition therefore we are unable to provide this information.

2017 – N/A
2018 – N/A



2019 – N/A

See our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number above 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 Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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