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Re: Freedom of Information Request FIRM 3889

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

Your request was received as follows: -

Following up on the survey that was conducted by NHS Improvement in July 2017 to find out where trusts were using local staff banks, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to understand where your trust is now in terms of the progress it has made in relation to having already established or is working towards establishing a collaborative bank across your Integrated Care System ('ICS') or Sustainability Transformation Partnership ('STP') footprint.

As stated in NHS Improvement's *Making effective use of staff banks toolkit*, published in December 2017, there is no 'one size fits all' model for collaborative banks. They can either cover a specific staff group or all staff groups. They can stretch across two trusts or as wide as an STP or region. They can be a shared digital platform or a shared back office, e.g. payroll or a hub and spoke model or a shared pool of workers or a fully integrated staff bank.

However, rather than list several questions of you, I would instead appreciate it if you would please simply confirm by means of a statement similar to those given below where your Trust is now. For example:

- "our Trust is working collaboratively, but is looking to do so over the next few years with other trusts across the ICS or STP footprint"; or
- "*our Trust is working collaboratively with at least one other Trust within the STP footprint but not the footprint as a whole, sharing a digital platform and pool of workers in the following staffing categories: registered nursing & midwifery and medical & dental. We are working towards establishing a fully integrated bank over the next five years*"; or
- "*our Trust is part of a fully integrated staff bank across our ICS or STP footprint for all staffing categories*".

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) can confirm our trust is a member of the working group looking at collaborative working within the Cheshire and Merseyside footprint.

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 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

Mr Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information

