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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4024**

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

Your request was as follows:

1) Has your NHS Trust Chief Executive written to your NHS Trust Board of Directors in the last 3 months on Brexit /EU Exit contingency planning in the event of a 'no deal' scenario.

The Chief Executive has not written to the Board during the period May - Aug 2019. The Trust Board receives updates from the Business Performance Committee on European exit matters and planning and has reinstated its 'no-deal' meetings recently. The last update was fed through in July 2019. Both the CEO and Chair are involved in national networks where any implications of Brexit are discussed.

ii) Has your NHS Trust Chief Executive written to your NHS Trust Board of Directors in the last 3 months on Brexit /EU Exit contingency planning in the event of a 'no deal' scenario mentioning contingency planning for non elective surgery, or mentions of continuing supply of medicines, clinical devices and non consumables at a local level.

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The Board received a report in relation to a No-deal Brexit at its meeting in March 2019.

- This report covered the following:
- Continuity of Supply of Medicines
- Workforce
- Other Goods and services
- Business Continuity arrangements

An action plan is in place that covers business continuity, supply management, regular communications, out of hour's arrangements and regular communication with stakeholders, suppliers and with external partners via LHRP, NHSE and NHSI.

The Walton Centre Foundation Trust (WCFT) has arrangements in place to prepare for a no deal Brexit and the SRO will keep the Board informed of any implications of the withdrawal agreement as further information is provided.

The WCFT has a Resilience Planning Group that monitors these arrangements.

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2) If so please provide;

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3) The full contents of those letters - and if that can not be provided then summary details including time and dates of letters sent.

N/A - The Chief Executive has not written to the Board during the period May - Aug 2019.

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

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Yours sincerely

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