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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5006

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 29th December 2021.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain how your Trust acquires and distributes human milk products (also known as "breast milk" or "chest milk" based products, depending on Trust policy). I would like to know:

1. Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?

For example, your answer may be that your Trust does provide human milk and acquires it from: a human milk bank within your Trust; a human milk bank run outside your Trust; or a private supplier/s.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) can confirm that we do not acquire human milk or human milk-based products.](#)

2. Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it.

For clarification, we are asking about those adults wishing to have human milk for personal use rather than an adult asking for infant or paediatric feeding. These patients may be seen in departments such as clinical immunology, oncology, or other such departments, not just in nutrition services.

No

3. a. If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?

N/A

3. b. If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?



For example, these companies may include NeoKare, NeoLacta, or Prolacta or like that provide human milk-based products. Some of the products they provide to help you include Humavant, PHBM, MMF or the like.

N/A

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 5006 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

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