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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4630**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 22nd February 2021.

Your request was as follows:

- The name of the supplier/s who service your weighing devices (baby scales, chair scales, floor scales, column scales, patient transfer scales, bench scales for example)

Accurate Weight

- How many weighing devices are covered by this contract?

30

- What standard (or average) price per scale do you pay for servicing

£5.20

- The date that the servicing contract ends.

31/12/2021

- The value of total spend on weighing devices excluding servicing in the last 3 years split by year

Unknown as the contract information is held with Aintree Hospital (Liverpool University Hospitals).

- The value of spend by weighing device supplier in the last 3 years split by year

Unknown as the contract information is held with Aintree Hospital (Liverpool University Hospitals).

- Do you have any weighing devices integrated directly or indirectly to an electronic patient records system (EPR)?

No.

- Which electronic patient records system do you use/plan to use?

EP2

- If you haven't done so already, do you intend to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24

months?

No we do not plan to integrate weighing scales to an EPR in the next 12-24 months.

•  Do you use Welch Allen Vital signs monitors in the Trust, if so, how many and are any of these connected to weighing devices?

Yes we have 47 Welch Allen Vital signs monitors and none are connected to weighing devices.

How many incidents have you reported in the last 3 years which relate to an incorrect dose of vancomycin, gentamicin and alteplase?

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

#### Section 40 (2) - Third Party Data

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), due to the minimal number of patients identified, and in answering your query may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

How many incidents have you recorded in the last 3 years where an incorrect weight of the patient is mentioned in the report?

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#### Section 12 - Requests where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

In response to your request, whilst we hold the information requested we believe an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies to it. Section 12 of the Act allows public authorities to refuse to answer requests for information if the cost of complying would exceed the 18 hour appropriate limit prescribed in the Fees Regulations. In order to respond to your request we would have to audit each one of the 9689 incidents individually. We don't have a specific section on the incident system that determines if the incident was as a result of incorrect patient weight.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

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

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used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

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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 4630 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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