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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4736**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th May 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1. How do you obtain blood collection tubes for liquid biopsies on cancer patients?

Supplied under a service level agreement with Aintree Hospital (LUHFT)

2. From what suppliers do you obtain these products?

Supplied under a service level agreement with Aintree Hospital (LUHFT)

3. Were these products purchased through a tender or framework? If so, which one? Please provide details including the name, reference and where this was published.

n/a

4. Are you under contract with your current supplier(s) for the above? If so, what is the start and end date of the contract?

n/a

5. Can you provide the name and contact details for the person(s) responsible for procuring these products?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

6. Can you provide contact details for the department responsible for managing this service?

The service is managed by the SMART Team - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

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 4736 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

*Mike Burns*

**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**