

Date: Monday, 25 April 2022

Our Ref: MB/CM5134

Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7LJ
Tel: 0151-525-3611
Fax: 0151-529-5500

Direct Line: 0151 556 3038

Dear Mr Strevens,

Re: Freedom of Information Request 5134

I am writing regarding your request for information, which was received on 4th April 2022, I can confirm that the departments holds some of the information that falls within the description specified in your request. However the multiple departments that hold the information have estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request.

We understand you have provided clarification to your questions however the Trust has determined that to answer the following questions this would mean a lengthy time consuming search to gather the information as this is not documented in an accessible format to obtain and would have to manually check each individual invoice received within the department to provide you with the answers.

The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for public authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending over 18 working hours in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the department is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request (see section 12 (1)). However, we are still happy to do so if you pay the fee as set out in this notice. The estimated cost of processing your request is £1400. This charge has been calculated in accordance with section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.

The department will be unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. If you wish the department to continue to deal with your request you should pay the fee requested within 3 calendar months (by 20th July 2022). If the department does not receive payment for this fee by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.

If you narrow the scope of your request, the department may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. For instance if you limit the scope of your request to only include Non-Emergency or Ambulance transport services or reduce the time period to a sample size of 3-6 months rather than 12 months. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

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, 5134 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

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information





A SMOKE FREE SITE

www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk