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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5379

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 05th October 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. A copy of the Trust's parking policy.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as the car park and all parking exemptions are managed by Aintree University Hospitals. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that: Aintree University hospitals will be able to provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

2. Details of the price of car parking per hospital site within the Trust.

N/A

3. Confirmation of how the Trust has implemented both the mandatory and voluntary elements of the "NHS car parking guidance 2022 for NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts", including;

- a.) whether parents and/or carers of children and young people (up to age 25) with cancer are offered free parking/parking exemptions
- b.) whether parents and/or carers of children and young people (up to age 25) with cancer are offered parking concessions and details of the financial value of these
- c. whether young people (17-25) with cancer are offered free parking/parking exemptions
- d. whether young people (17-25) with cancer are offered parking concessions and details of the financial value of these
- e. whether any free parking/parking exemptions or concessions apply to inpatient/active treatment visits, visits to attend follow-up appointments (i.e. not undergoing active treatment), or both.

N/A

4. If yes to any items in point 3, how many parents and/or carers of children and young people (up to age 25) with cancer and/or young people (17-25) with cancer have been offered free parking/parking exemptions or concessions, provided per category (free parking/exemption, concession); a. per financial year since 2017 (2017/18, 2018/19,

2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 to date) b. per hospital site within the Trust.

N/A

5. Details of how the Trust shares, communicates and displays information about free parking/parking exemptions and/or concessions, their eligibility, how to access them and their financial value.

N/A

6. Confirmation whether car parking within the Trust is owned and managed by the Trust or is owned and managed by a private company, and if so what company.

N/A

7. Details of how many complaints the Trust has received from parents and/or carers of children and young people (up to age 25) with cancer and/or young people (17-25) with cancer regarding car parking charges or regarding the information the Trust provides about car parking charges;

a.) per financial year since 2017 (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23 to date)

b.) per hospital site within the NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust

N/A

8. Details of any other travel-related support provided by the Trust which is available to parents and/or carers of children and young people (up to age 25) with cancer and/or young people with cancer, including;

a.) how children and young people and their parents or carers are informed of the support that is available to them

b.) how the support is accessed/applied for

c.) the financial value of the support and whether this is provided up-front or requires a claim to be paid back to the recipient

d.) the duration of the support and type of care this applies to (e.g. inpatient/active treatment, follow-up/outpatient etc.)

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 5379 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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