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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5560

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 27th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information act for all transactions over £25,000 from September to at most a month in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request.

Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested for September, October and November 2022. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

Section 21 - Information already reasonably accessible to you

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have requested is published on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts website under the financial transparency page. Please use the following link to access these reports:

<https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/about-us/finance.htm>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test. This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested for December 2022 and January 2023. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

Section 22 - Information is intended for future publication:

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). There is a clear intention to publish the information at a future date and in line with section 22(1)(a) it is considered reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date of

publication. The delay has been caused due to staff shortages within the finance department.

As stated above, the information you have requested will be published onto The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts website once these have been finalised and approved for publication. We anticipate that this information will be published no later than the end of March 2023. Please use the following link:
<https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/about-us/finance.htm>

As a result, we believe that the information is intended for future publication and will be made accessible to you.

Public Interest Test

To use Section 22 (1) (c) as an exemption, we are required to undertake a public interest test. The matters which were considered in applying the public interest test are as follows:

Factors in favour of disclosure:

- Disclosure of the information supports the public interest in the transparency, accountability, and general understanding of the financial situation of the public authority.
- To ensure information is provided rather than media speculation.

Factors in favour of withholding:

- The information is not yet complete and releasing incomplete data may lead to false conclusions.
- Withholding the information allows for the correct procedural sign off before public publication.

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

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

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being 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.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

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 5560 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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