

Our Ref: FOI 2014/117

Following your request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000 which we received on 26th February 2014, we are providing you information as held by Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

In your query, you requested breakdown of hospital activity for eighty specialties and other information related to hospital performance and workforce, etc.

Unfortunately the Trust cannot provide the information you requested. It would require us to perform massive data collections and audits. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of spending two and half working days (eighteen hours).

The Trust is not obliged under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request. Section 12 (1) states that *“Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”*

However, the Trust has a duty to assist and advice you. Section 16(1) states that *“it shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.”*

If you narrow the scope of your request the Trust may be able to provide the information because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so, although the Trust cannot guarantee that this will be the case as the Trust does not hold the information in a way that could be retrieved easily. Any reformulated request received will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

If you are not happy with the way in which your request has been dealt with or are dissatisfied with this response and wish to appeal, please write to Information Governance Manager at information.governance@chelwest.nhs.uk . Your complaint will be dealt with through our internal review process.

If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to complaint to the Information Commissioner’s Office. He can be contacted at casework@ico.org.uk.

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information 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 force on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will license the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for a purpose other than which it was originally supplied. 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.

Yours sincerely

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