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Our Ref: FOI 2014/029

Following your request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000 which we received on 20th January 2014, we are providing you the information as held by Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

In your query, you requested the following information for *the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13*

a) The gross cost to the Trust because of delayed transfers of care (before taking into account reimbursements from local authorities)

And;

b) The gross cost to the Trust because of delayed transfers of care where Social Care was responsible for the delay (before taking into account reimbursements from local authorities)

c) The total sum received from local authorities in reimbursements for delayed transfers of care

In response to your queries (a) and (b) above, the Trust is unable to provide the gross cost to the Trust by delay transfer of care. The Trust only records the delayed transfer of care by individual patient. It is therefore not possible on this occasion for the Trust to calculate the gross cost of delayed transfers of care. From our assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the cost limit. Section 12 (1) of FOIA states that: "*Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with the request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit*". It would require that the Trust carries out a manual audit of each patient for the duration you request which would far exceed the cost limit as provided by the Act.

In response to (c) above, the total sum received from local authorities in reimbursements for delayed transfers of care the financial years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 is zero.

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.

Re-use of Public Sector Information

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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