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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/05/06.

You requested the following information; please also see our response below:

Could I please be provided with the following data:

1. A database (in Excel-readable format) of all cases in which patients were sent to private healthcare facilities from NHS facilities covered by this FOI address from 1/1/2014 until 1/5/2017. This should

include:

- a. Incident or record number as per your own system**
- b. The date of the referral**
- c. The department from which the patient was referred**
- d. The facility to which the patient was referred**
- e. The reason or explanation given for the referral**
- f. The cost of the referral**

g. If possible, I would appreciate the data in this form:

Date Department Facility referred to Cost of referral Reason given

I would be interested in any information held by your department regarding my request , including any datasets from which this information is drawn.

I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require

I would like to receive the information in electronic copy but if this is not possible I would be more thanhappy to receive the information in hard copy and/or inspect the documents on site.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and

assistance to indicate this.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material.

Data on private healthcare facilities is not recorded separately from other addresses so there is no way to specifically identify these addresses without a manual review of data which would exceed the time limits indicated in section 12. There is no way in which the request can be refined to make this achievable as this data is not recorded separately.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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