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<http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/>

Dear Mr Irving,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request in respect of the Minutes from all Trust Board meetings from July 2007 until August 2008 which we received on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Having considered this request, the Trust declines it for the following reasons:

- The cost of provision all of this information would cost more than the Appropriate Limit of £450 at £25 per hour to produce (Section 12).
- Trust Board meeting Minutes are of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature the release of which would prejudice the Trust's commercial interests (Section 43).
- Information discussed at the Board has been provided in confidence (Section 41).
- The Information discussed at the Board has often been or will be published in another form, for example the Annual Plan and Annual Report & Accounts (Sections 21 & 22), see:  
[http://www.whnt.nhs.uk/about\\_the\\_trust/documents/](http://www.whnt.nhs.uk/about_the_trust/documents/)

If you have an interest in a particular aspect of the Trust's work or forward plans, it may be that we could provide additional information if you would be in correspondence with us.

Yours sincerely

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