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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Re: Freedom of Information Request – Infected Blood Inquiry**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

#### **You Asked for:**

- a) Copies of all correspondence to/from the Infected Blood Inquiry during the period 1st January 2019 to 17th July 2019.
- b) Have you received any notice or instruction regarding the retention and/or request of documents relevant to the Infected Blood Inquiry?
- c) If a request for documentation and/or its retention has been received from the Infected Blood Inquiry, please supply a copy of any such notices or requests and copies of any replies to such a request and internal correspondence relating to such.

#### **Our Response:**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is restricted in providing you with a response to your request, by virtue of the provisions of Section 32 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/32>

We are mindful that any unauthorised disclosure of information which has been placed in the custody of the Inquiry or its Officers, or which we, NHS Wirral CCG, have received as part of our participation in the Inquiry's Business, can, in certain circumstances, constitute an offence, particularly, but not exclusively, under the Inquiries Act 2005, and Inquiry Rules 2006.

NHS Wirral CCG is concerned that any release of information could potentially jeopardise or obstruct the work of the Inquiry, which is why the decision has been made to apply section 32 'Court Records', in respect of the information you are requesting.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely



**Paul Edwards**

Director of Corporate Affairs

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

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