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Dear Will

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust. In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold some information relevant to your request.

I'm writing to obtain the following information relating specifically to your NHS Trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. What is the number of serious incident reviews relating to clinical negligence at your hospitals in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

2016: 6**2017: 6****2018: 17**

2. What is the monetary value of successful clinical negligence claims made against your hospitals in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

3. In the last three years (2016, 2017 & 2018), what is the number of settled negligence claims where damages have been paid (number of cases and total monetary value) in relation to:

- Allegations of late diagnosis / misdiagnosis

- Allegations of negligence leading to amputation
- Cases involving stillbirth or neonatal death
- Cases involving delayed diagnosis of cancer
- Cases involving medication errors
- Legal cases alleging clinical negligence which have taken more than 5 years to reach

The Trust is applying an exemption to questions 2 and 3 as we do not routinely collect this information in the manner requested.

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This information in response to both questions is not routinely collected as this information is not held centrally. We have established that it would take more than 18 hours to locate all the information you have asked for, as it would require us to manually extract the information which may be held in a number of locations. Therefore we consider that the exemption offered to us in S.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the cost of compliance is applied, since we are of the opinion that the costs which we are allowed under the Act exceeds £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.

Yours sincerely

Sharleen Matheson

Interim Information Governance Lead

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If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review of the Trust's decision you may wish to make an approach to the Information Commissioner.

Information Commissioner

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