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Dear xxxxxxx

Information request:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information Request about Clozapine in your Trust.

- 1. With which pharmaceutical company/companies are you registered for Clozapine?*
- 2. Which specific types of Clozapine do you use?*
- 3. How many of your Responsible Clinicians are registered on the national Clozaril programme, serving your Trust?*
- 4. How many of your Pharamacists are registered on the national Clozaril programme, serving your trust?*
- 5. In 2011, how many of your patients were being prescribed Clozapine? If it helps, please state if they were in-patients or out-patients.*
- 6. In 2011, how many of your patients, if any, had adverse reactions to Clozapine?*
- 7. In 2011, how many of your patients were prescribed Clozapine when they had a known heart condition of Right Atrial Enlargement and Sinus Tachycardia as found on ECG?*
- 8. What is your policy on prescribing Clozapine to people with known heart problems such as Right Atrial Enlargement and Sinus Tachycardia?*
- 9. What is your policy on prescribing Amisulpride to people who develop parkinsonism whilst on Amisulpride and who lose a dramatic amount of weight in a matter of a fortnight or so?*
- 10. Do you prescribe Bisoprolol to heart patients without first getting a cardiologist to examine the patient?*

I have carefully reviewed your request and investigated whether there is any information disclosable to you. Please find below the information the Trust holds, which I am pleased to provide to you:

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED

The Trust's pharmacists have noted that the above drugs are used for mental health treatment. The Trust does not provide mental health services and all such potential patients within the Trust's catchment area would be referred to the local mental health Trust by their GP or mental health practitioner. As such we hold no information relevant to your questions.

I trust that this deals with your enquiry to your satisfaction, but if you feel that Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust has misunderstood or not responded appropriately to your request, you have two courses of action:

- You can clarify the terms of your original request to allow this to be looked at again (if you expand your request this will be dealt with as a new request)
- All applicants have the right of appeal. An appeal should be focused on the original request and should identify how the Trust's response failed to answer your Information Request. Appeals must be made in writing to the FOI Manager at the address above.

After the Trust's internal appeals procedure has been exhausted, a further appeal about the same information request can be directed to the Information Commissioner for adjudication. Appeals to the Information Commissioner should be sent for review to the following address:

The Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
Wilmslow Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
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E-mail : mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note:

If you are considering re-using the information disclosed to you through this request, for any purpose outside of what could be considered for personal use, you are required under the Public Sector Re-use of Information Regulations 2005 to make an application for re-use to the organisation you have requested the information from. Applications for reuse should be directed to the Trust through the FOI manager.

Please contact me again, quoting your reference number, if you require any further assistance with your current request and I will do my best to provide the relevant help and advice.

Yours sincerely

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