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Ms Jane Smith Wdtk

Dear Ms Smith,

Freedom of Information Act Request 984 Ernst and Young Report

I acknowledge receipt on 8 February 2012 of your request dated that day for an internal review of the response sent to your original request on 6 February.

Your original request was worded as follows

I would grateful if you would send me a copy of the Ernst and Young paper which was submitted to the Trust's EMB. This paper outlined the outcome of their initial investigations into the Trust and identified areas of improvement and cost savings.

If you are planning to state this is only a draft which will be available in the future then please be specific about the date when this will be available.

The trust's response was to send copies of two reports, titled "Phase 1 summary report" and "TfE Special Staff Briefing"

Your request for review stated:-

Thank you for your response however I do not wish to have a summary of the report but the whole detailed report. If that was never taken out of draft then a copy of the draft version will be sufficient.

The position is that there was no paper submitted to the Trust's EMB by Ernst and Young (EY). What they provided to the EMB was a presentation, which is not a Trust document. The reports you were sent are based on that presentation and include the outcome of EY's initial investigation and identified areas of improvement and cost savings that you requested. The trust believes that it has therefore met your request.

Following the presentation to the EMB, a report was submitted to the Trust Board, but that is I believe exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Act, in that it contains commercially sensitive data relating to both the Trust and EY and the summary subsequently prepared and sent to you originally includes all the non-commercially sensitive information.

Yours sincerely.

Chief Executive