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26 October 2009

Dear Mark.

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on 26 October 2009.

I can confirm that NHS Devon holds the information you have requested.

I am a Lecturer with the University of Nottingham. I am an ex infection control nurse currently undertaking a PhD. As part of my study I am reviewing all Acute, PCT and Mental Health hand hygiene policies in NHS trusts in England. Many trusts post these on the internet and I have been able to locate about a third. Your trust is not one of them. Therefore I would like to make a request for your organisations most recent hand hygiene policy.

Please see the attached document "Devon PCT Standard Infection Control Precautions v3", section 2 of which is the trust's Hand Hygiene Policy.

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 01392 205205 or by email. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: The Assistant Director of Integrated Governance, Devon Primary Care Trust, Commissioning Headquarters, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QL or email foi.devonpct@nhs.net

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the PCT internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. The Information Commissioner's address is:-

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Yours sincerely

The Freedom of Information Team Devon Primary Care Trust