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Dear Ms Bates

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We write further to the appeal you have requested in light of your recent request for clarification to the information provided to you under the Freedom of Information Act. You have requested the following clarification;

1. You state that: 'In addition, the Trust has: cover for Personal Accident (Occupational Related Cover) for Accidental Death of employed Specialist Trained staff e.g. Air Crew (not pilots) with a limit of £100k, but all non-specialist staff are covered as well up to £25k'.

Please provide clarification as requested:

You state "employed ... staff" but do not state "CFRs" or "Authorised Volunteers" under this section as you have in the first section. As per the original information request, what Personal Accident or Accidental Death cover is there for CFRs and to what value? Do CFRs count as "Specialist Trained Staff", "Non-specialist Staff" or neither? This is not clear.

2. You state that: 'The Trust has: - cover for all employees and CFRs involved in a Terrorist Incident with death and disablement benefits which are salary dependant'

Please provide clarification as requested:

CFRs are included in this section but you state that benefits are "salary dependent." CFRs are volunteers and receive no salary from the service. Does this mean that they have no death or disablement cover through WMAS for Terrorist incidents, or that cover will be dependent upon the CFR's own professional/employment salaries?

The insurance company that provide our personal accident cover have confirmed that it is standard wording to include CFRs however, as our CFRs are volunteers they are not paid a salary by the Trust and therefore are not covered under the personal accident insurance.

However, we would not deploy CFRs to respond to a terrorist incident. They would continue to assist the Trust with their usual operational duties.

Should you still be unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

 Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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