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Dear Mr Fryer

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Please find below our response to your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act

The Lead Pharmacist for Procurement and Medicine Supply and the Divisional Director for Medicine and Acute Specialties at Wirral University Teaching Hospital have provided the information required for this response.

Q1. How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

674

Q2. How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?

Ferric Carboxymaltose^	57
Iron Isomaltoside (Monofer)^	562
Iron Dextran (Premix)	55

Q3. What was the average weight of these patients?

The Trust can confirm that in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that it does not hold this information. Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH) does not electronically collate this data and will be only be recorded, where applicable, within each patient's individual paper and electronic health record.

Therefore, we would have to recall each individual health record that is relevant for the requested time period and clinically review it in order to provide this information. The timeframe for this would most certainly extend beyond 18 hours and so in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 and 13 of the Freedom of Information Act, a charge of £450 is applicable for the work involved.

Under the FOI Act, the Trust is not required to create this information in order to answer your request. The FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by such organisations. The FOI Act does not require the Trust to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

Q4. How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

Please see statement at question 3

Q5. How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

1 * Registered Nurse and 1 * Clinical Support Worker running an Infusion and venesection service 8am-4pm Monday-Friday.

Iron Infusions are administered within this service.

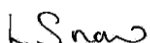
If you wish to take this matter further you have a right to ask for a review of our decision. In the first instance this should be addressed to The Head of Information Governance & Records Management, Information Governance Department, Ground Floor, Arrowe Park Hospital, Arrowe Park Road, Upton, Wirral, CH49 5PE.

If you ask for a review and are dissatisfied with the outcome, under Section 70 of the Freedom of Information Act you then have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner's Office
Water Lane
Wilmslow-
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Further details about the Act and the role of the Information Commissioner can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely



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