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Dear Ms Thompson

I write further to your request for an Internal Review of the response Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust (HHFT) provided to you 01 March 2021 in respect of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). I have conducted a thorough investigation into the matter and would like to provide you with the following outcome.

Section 12 of the FOIA was prematurely applied to your request regarding the cost to the NHS per unilateral and bilateral nipple tattoos. Further clarification should have been sought from you before Section 12 was considered. Such clarification could have included whether you would like the staff cost, the equipment cost, and/or the administrative costs of each procedure. I have consulted with one of the clinical specialists responsible for carrying out nipple tattoos at HHFT and can confirm that the cost varies depending on multiple factors such as the colours and pigments used for each procedure, the banding/grade of the health professional carrying out the procedure, and the level of detail required per tattoo.

Therefore, I kindly ask you to contact the Freedom of Information Officer with a refined request in relation to the breakdown of costs you would like to receive. Should you be unable or unwilling to refine your request it is likely Section 12 will be correctly applied to any further response.

I trust the outcome of this Internal Review is satisfactory, however, should you remain dissatisfied you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). For further information about how to raise a complaint with the ICO please visit <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

In the meantime, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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