

Roger Green

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14th November 2012

Our ref: FOI RFI 002102

Your ref: email received 17th October 2012

Dear Roger

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your email dated 17th October 2012 requesting:

Please provide a copy of the recently-negotiated and reported parking enforcement contract between the Foundation Trust and contractors Liberty Parking Services. I understand that it relates to parking at the Northern General, the Royal Hallamshire, Weston Park hospitals and the Charles Clifford and Jessop Wing.

Please note that this company has a contract for similar enforcement activities at Bristol University and that, initially that University declined to respond to a Freedom of Information Request similar to this but they eventually did so. See

http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/contract_between_uob_and_liberty#incoming-49981

I hope that the Foundation Trust will not engage in time wasting and associated expense by resisting this request in the same way that Bristol University initially did.

Trust Response

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) sites are contracted to ISS Facilities and Excel Parking Services for controlled parking.

Liberty were identified in a separate press release made by Unison; a release that the Trust were not given any opportunity to comment on regarding its accuracy or content. It is incorrect.

Liberty are a sub-contractor to ISS Facilities. There is no contract between the Trust and Liberty t/a Car Parking Partnership. Under Section 1.1 (a) of the FOI Act the Trust has a duty to inform whether the information exists and, under Section 1.1 (b) a duty to supply that information unless exemptions apply. The information does not exist, so it can't be supplied.

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 3.0 dated 22/11/11).

If you wish to complain you should contact:

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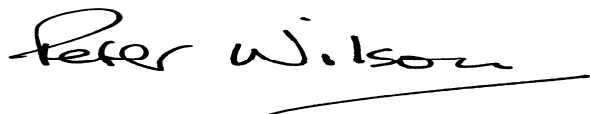
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Peter Wilson
Information Governance, Caldicott & SIRO Support Manager