

Date: 7th March 2018

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 24- 2018

Thank you for your email dated 7th February 2018 requesting information regarding ward closures and cancelled operations.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. **The name of your Trust and the names of hospital(s) you run?**

The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

2. **In the following years, how many times has the Trust had to close a maternity ward? Please list the month the closure(s) took place, the reason for the closure and how long it took to reopen**

We are a specialist cancer treatment hospital. We do not have any maternity wards.

- a) 2016 **N/A**
- b) 2017 **N/A**

3. **In the following years, how many times has the Trust had to close any ward (excluding maternity wards)? Please list the ward type, month the closure(s) took place, the reason for the closure and how long it took to reopen**

- a) 2016

We had no unexpected overnight closures.

- b) 2017

We closed one inpatient ward overnight on nine occasions; these were unplanned closures between October and December 2017. These closures were the result of low overnight patient numbers or staffing requirements on our other two inpatient wards. Closures were from 8pm to 8am.

- 4. In the following years how many times has the Trust cancelled an elective operation which was going to be carried out by a private provider/contractor?**

We are a cancer treatment hospital specialising in chemotherapy and radiotherapy. We do not offer elective operations.

- a) 2016 N/A**
b) 2017 N/A

- 5. From the answers in Q4 please provide the cancellation cost charged to the Trust by the private provider/contractor? Please give the total figure for the year and if possible the largest single cost charged to the Trust**

- a) 2016 N/A**
b) 2017 N/A

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>