

Date: 21 May 2018

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 81-2018**

Thank you for your email dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 requesting information with regards to needles.

The information that you require is as follows:

**1 - References: size (length, diameter) and type (manual, semi-automated, automated) of the different biopsy needles used**

**Needle Biopsy, 18g x 10cms, type not stated**

**2 - Quantities of biopsy needles annually purchased for every reference**

**1 x Box of 5**

**3 - References: size (length, diameter) of the different coaxial needles used**

**Needle Coaxial, 17g x 6 8cm, type not stated**

**4 - Quantities of coaxial needles annually purchased for every reference**

**1 x Box of 10**

**5 - Quantities provided by each needle manufacturer**

**See answers to question 2 and 4**

**6 - Prices for every different needle, both biopsy and coaxial**

**Total prices for quantities ordered by the Trust indicated**

**above:**

**Needle Biopsy, 18g x 10cms = £136.08**

**Needle Coaxial, 17g x 6 8cm = £50.72**

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>**