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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 90-2018

Thank you for your email dated 30th April 2018 requesting information with regards to elections to the Trust's Council of Governors.

For information requested please see Appendix 1.

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>

Appendix 1

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Date of ballot (packs despatched)	06/08/12	12/08/13	14/08/14	14/08/15 16/09/15	(1) 25/07/16 (2) 31/08/16 (3) 23/11/16	(1) 02/08/17 (2) 23/02/18
Balloting company used	ERS	ERS	ERS	ERS	ERS	ERS
Total number of eligible voters - Public	2424*	3940*	2715*	927*	3646*	*
Total number of eligible voters – Staff				349*		
Number of ballots issued (if different from the above)	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
Number of votes cast	390	712	470	138	547	
Number of paper ballots – Public	390	712	470	82	521	
Number of paper ballots - Staff				50		
Number of electronic ballots – Public	0	0	0	6	26	
Number of electronic ballots - Staff						
Turnout - Public	16.08%	18.07%	17.31%	10.81%	15.42%	
Turnout - Staff						
Total Cost	<p style="text-align: center;">Information is Commercial in Confidence (Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act)</p> <p>Section 43 of the FOIA states ‘information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret’ and ‘if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).</p> <p>When applying Section 43 we have to apply the public interest in withholding/disclosing this information. The use of this exemption is to be carefully considered.</p> <p>The factors in favour of disclosure of this information, including the general public interest and greater transparency and accountability, were carefully weighed against the need to allow suppliers and organisations the space to conduct their lawful business competitively and without fear of disclosure of sensitive commercial information. On this basis, the Trust feels that the information requested is justifiably exempt under Section 43 of the Act.</p>					
Cost charge by balloting company for admin						
Cost charged for scrutineering including staff						
Costs for other services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Any events or activities either social, marketing, CPD that your existing and potential ballot suppliers invite you to	Nil					

*Uncontested posts