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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 85- 2019

Thank you for your email dated 25th March 2019 requesting information in regards lost/stolen controlled drugs in the last 5 years.

The information that you require is as follows:

I wanted to get a list of controlled drugs that have been reported lost/stolen from your NHS Trust in the last five years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018)?

**Information is exempt due to Law Enforcement
(Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act)**

Section 31 of the FOIA states 'information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.'

When applying Section 31 we have to apply the public interest in withholding/disclosing this information. The use of this exemption is to be carefully considered.

The Trust has made a decision to exempt your request under S31- law enforcement of the FOI Act. 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 protect law enforcement interests. On this basis, the Trust feels that the information requested is justifiably exempt on the basis that releasing this information into the public domain would allow criminals, in particular organised crime, to identify whether any particular Trusts are vulnerable to theft. The specific details would give an indication of the quantity and value of drugs in supply increasing the likelihood of theft attempts.

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>