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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 140- 2019

Thank you for your email dated 29th May 2019 requesting information in relation to staff pensions.

The information that you require is as follows:

As a result of HMRC's changes to the pensions Lifetime Allowance ('the LTA') and Annual Allowance ('the AA') many of our members have left the NHS Pensions Scheme. This results in NHS Trusts saving the employer pension contributions which they would have paid into our members' pensions had they not left the scheme. We have been made aware of some Trusts have enable such scheme leavers to receive payment of the monies which their Trust would have paid into their pension in the form of employer pension contributions as an ad hoc arrangement outside of any Trust policy. The following requests for information relate to your trust's use of monies saved from unpaid employer pension contributions in the way described above.

1) In the past five years, has your Trust offered an employee the option of retaining the employers pension contribution as an unrestricted additional payment after they have left the NHS Pension scheme(s)?

No such offers have been made within The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre.

2) If "yes" to the above, were those offers made on the basis of a Trust agreed policy or on the basis of a personal arrangement?

N/A

3) How many employees of the Trust, having left the NHS Pension scheme(s) have been paid the employers pension contributions as an unrestricted additional payment?

N/A

4) What staff groups were/are those employees from?

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

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