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<u>Re:</u> Freedom of Information Request Ref: 234 - 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 22nd August 2019, requesting information regarding emergency and elective admissions.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. Please provide the number of emergency admissions to your trust from independent sector hospitals for the past 3 years (2016/17 to 2018/19 inclusive).

2016/2017 = Nil

2017/2018 = Please see below *

2018/2019 = Please see below *

*In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 our Trust is unable to release all of the information requested. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a relatively small Trust and by providing this level of detail where the number of patients is less than or equal to five increases any 'potential' risk of this data becoming identifiable information and thereby contravening one or more of the Data Protection Principles by releasing it into the public domain. Confidentiality is expected in such matters. This information is therefore exempt under Section 40: Personal Information, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 2. Please provide the number of elective admissions to your trust from independent sector hospitals over the same period

2016/2017 = <mark>Nil</mark> 2017/2018 = <mark>Nil</mark>

2018/2019 = Please see below *

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3. If possible, please indicate provide an estimate of the cost of treatment for elective and emergency admissions from independent sector hospitals over the same period

2016/2017 = Nil

2017/2018 = Elective - £ Nil, Emergency Admissions - £ 17,188

2018/2019 = Elective - £ 7,071, Emergency Admissions - £ 4,712

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.