

Trust Headquarters Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ

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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Could you provide the information to show a list of which hospitals within your trust have the relevant equipment to treat patients who refuse blood and blood components (such as Jehovah's Witnesses) in an emergency situation?

To give you an example, should a Jehovah's Witness be involved in an accident, and they were bleeding out, which hospital(s) in your trust would have the facilities available to treat them in accordance with their beliefs regarding no blood transfusions? This would be hospitals with a cell salvage machine at the very least on site, for example.

Response

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has 2 Cell Savers on site at Russells Hall.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

Information Governance Manager Trust Headquarters Russell's Hall Hospital Dudley West Midlands DY1 2HQ Email: <u>dgft.dpo@nhs.net</u>

Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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