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Date: 25/09/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

### **Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

### **Request**

This is an information request relating to Botox treatments administered by the NHS

Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

- **Total expenditure by the NHS on Botox treatments** (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.
- Total number of people that received botox treatment for each financial year
- A **breakdown of the spending** on Botox treatments by medical necessity (e.g., for conditions such as chronic migraines, muscle spasms, excessive sweating, etc.) versus cosmetic purposes (if any such spending is applicable).
- In this breakdown include where on the body the treatment was administered.

### **Response**

- **Total expenditure by the NHS on Botox treatments** (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.

**Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements, therefore, the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption Section 43(2) Commercial Interests (where information is exempt 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)).**

- Total number of people that received Botox treatment for each financial year.

**We do not hold the information for the requested timeframe, when information is not in a reportable format the ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of the request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it."**

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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.

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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

**Freedom of Information Team  
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