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NHS Foundation Trust

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012070

With reference to your FOI request in connection with 'Benchmarking Tools' please see response below.

1. Please mark an 'X' against each of the Benchmarking Tools you currently pay for in your trust. If the Benchmarking Tools you currently pay for is not listed, please write the Benchmarking Tool name in the 'Other' box.

Period 2012 to December 2014

Benchmarking Tool	Please mark an 'X' for all tools currently paid for
Dr Foster	
CHKS	X
HED	X
NHS Benchmarking	
Albatross	
Other	

From January 1st 2015

Benchmarking Tool	Please mark an 'X' for all tools currently paid for
Dr Foster	
CHKS	
HED	X
NHS Benchmarking	
Albatross	
Other	

2. Please mark an 'X' for the total amount you spend each year on the Benchmarking Tools you have access to.

There is a public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly. There is also a public interest in ensuring that there is competition for public sector contracts. In considering the release of the requested information, The Trust has taken these issues into account and under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Action deems this information commercially sensitive.

Spend (£)	Please mark an 'X' for the amount spent each year
£20,000 - £30,000	
£30,000 - £60,000	
£60,000 - £80,000	
£80,000 - £100,000	
£100,000 +	

3. How many Benchmarking Tools you have access to (either free or paid)? Please state the total.

From 2012 to 2014, two

From January 2015, one

4. Does a benchmarking report go to each board? Please delete as appropriate.

Yes   /   No

5. What function / department within the organisation is responsible for managing benchmarking suppliers? Please state.

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6. Please mark an 'X' against the number of years the Trust has signed up to the Benchmarking Tools outlined in question 1.

Years signed up to the Benchmarking Tools	Please mark an 'X' for the total number of years signed up to the Benchmarking Tools
1 year	
2 years	X
3 years	
3 years or more	