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Russell's Hall Hospital  
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Address / Email:

Dear

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

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

#### **Request**

*I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

*Could you please supply me with the following information on patients being referred to an alternative provider because they exceed the weight limit for services within your hospital(s).*

- 1. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2023.*
- 2. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2022.*
- 3. The names of the alternative providers used by your hospital(s) for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing scales for patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment within your hospital(s).*
- 4. How many patients have been sent to each alternative provider in the last two years because they exceed the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales.*
- 5. Why doesn't the hospital have facilities to weigh these patients?*
- 6. How much does referral of patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment at your hospital(s) to alternative providers cost your hospital(s) per annum for the previous two financial years?*
- 7. How many requests for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing of patients have been declined by your hospital(s) in the last two years because patients have exceeded the weight limits for equipment.*

#### **Response**

We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.

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 a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".*

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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Water Lane  
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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**