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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the investment in private patient facilities.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you would provide details of any investment your Trust has made in facilities to treat private patients since April 2010.

In 2011 the Trust opened England's first PFI funded 100% single room patient facility NHS Hospital which replaced two old hospitals. At that time the Trust recognised that there was spare capacity and a decision was taken to create a Private Patient Unit (PPU). The capacity is used for NHS funded patients as the need arises.

The financial contribution from the Trust's PPU is used to fund NHS services. No resources are used that are required by the Trust for the delivery of NHS patient care.

The capital expenditure for the Private Patient Facilities since April 2010 has been £637,000 this includes the new equipment supplied for the unit.