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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 data sharing agreements with private organisations.

*1 - How many data sharing agreements or information sharing agreements does the trust currently have with private organisations to share patient files or records?*

*2 - For each, please state i) the organisation concerned, ii) the number of patients involved and iii) the purpose of the agreement.*

*3 - Please also specify whether patients were asked beforehand if their information could be shared or whether the agreement was made on the basis of implied consent.*

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.