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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 EU exit preparation.

You asked:

- 1. Have you appointed a senior responsible officer for EU Exit preparation? If so, who is it and what is their existing job title with the trust?*
- 2. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts have been asked to undertake internal reviews/self-assessments of purchased consumables, goods and services (non-clinical) to understand any risks to operations if there is disruption in supply in the event of a no-deal EU exit. Please send your trust's review/self-assessment.*
- 3. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were asked to assess whether your organisation has incurred a reduction in the number of EU nationals in your workforce before the UK leaves the EU. Please confirm if you have carried out this assessment, and if you have please send the assessment.*
- 4. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were told to undertake local risk assessments to identify any staff groups or services that may be vulnerable if there is a shortfall of EU nationals. Please confirm if you have carried out such assessments, and if you have please send the assessments.*

Trust response:

1. Sean Briggs, Chief Operating Officer.
- 2, 3 & 4.

The Trust is applying the following exemption to the release of the full report of a no-deal Brexit impact assessment and other self-assessments on the impact of Brexit. Exemption Section 36 – Prejudice to the Effective Conduct of Public Affairs

The information requested is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 36. The Trust is not required to provide

information in response to a request if the information would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice “the effective conduct of public affairs.”

However, the Trust confirms that planning has been undertaken covering amongst others:

1. Supply of medicines and vaccines;
2. Supply of medical devices and clinical consumables;
3. Supply of non-clinical consumables, goods and services;
4. Workforce;
5. Reciprocal healthcare;
6. Research and clinical trials; and
7. Data sharing, processing and access.

Returns have been made directly to the Department of Health and Social Care in line with guidance from the Cabinet Office dated 7 December 2018.