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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 Consultancy spending.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. For the purpose of clarity, 'management consulting services' are defined as any external advisory services provided to support decision making and strategic planning, change management, operational efficiency, and other related areas.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

1. Total expenditure on management consulting services for each year within the past five years within your trust.

2. The names of the consulting firms that were contracted, if this does not breach any privacy or contractual clauses.

3. The specific areas or projects for which these consulting services were employed.

Trust response: 1. 22/23 £99,248.26 21/22 £2,209,463.65 20/21 £3,457,313.91 19/20 £510,083.23 18/19 £2,253,079.32

2. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. In order to release the name of the consulting firm we would need to manually check each contract. 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.

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