

6th May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding minutes of meetings containing the words caesarean or C-section.

The Trust can provide the following information:

We have now carried out an assessment of your request and we have estimated that it will cost more than the 'appropriate limit' to consider your request, even if the search was restricted to the last financial year.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

To search through the papers of every Trust Board/Committee/Group meeting would require significant resource which is why section 12 of the FOIA has been applied in this case. I would therefore suggest that you narrow the scope of your request so that we may be able to provide the information if it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. For instance, you may wish to refine your request by being more specific about the type of meetings, eg, Trust Board meetings, etc. Copies of the Trust Board papers can be found on our website, weblink attached. <http://www.homerton.nhs.uk/about-us/board-of-directors/board-papers/> where you could search for the issues you are interested in.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to me directly.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely,

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