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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2256

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the number and cost of court cases launched to prevent patients in media reports.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1) How much money has your Trust spent in total during the three financial years between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the column labelled "Q1".

2) How much money has your Trust spent in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q2 - 12/13"; "Q2 - 13/14"; "Q2 - 14/15".

3) How many separate court cases has your Trust launched in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q3 - 12/13"; "Q3 - 13/14"; "Q3 - 14/15".

4) How many Reporting Restriction Orders has your Trust obtained in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q4 - 12/13"; "Q3 - 13/14"; "Q3 - 14/15".

5) How many other privacy injunctions has your Trust obtained in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q5 - 12/13"; "Q3 - 13/14"; "Q3 - 14/15".

6) How many separate court cases has your trust launched in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports where the mental capacity of the patient was an issue? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q6 - 12/13"; "Q4 - 13/14"; "Q4 - 14/15".

7) How many separate cases has your trust launched in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports where the Trust acted with the family of the patient? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q7 - 12/13"; "Q4 - 13/14"; "Q4 - 14/15".

8) How many separate cases has your Trust launched in each financial year between April 2012 and April 2015 to prevent patients being identified in media reports where the Trust acted without the family of the patient? Please enter the answer into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cells under the columns labelled: "Q8 - 12/13"; "Q4 - 13/14"; "Q4 - 14/15".

9) Please enter any additional notes, caveats or general points into the supplied MS Excel template file in the cell under the column labelled "Additional notes".

This information is not recorded in an extractable way from our database so we would have to review each individual claim that was made against the Trust for the time period specified.

The time taken to carry out this exercise would be over 18 hours and therefore would exceed the cost for complying with this request under the FOI Act, currently £450.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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