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RE: Freedom of Information Request

31st May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd May 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- a. **Does your trust provide funding for point-of-care home blood monitoring devices for people with cancer who are receiving systemic anticancer therapy? (Y/N) For added context, examples of such devices include Xprecia (by Universal Biosensors) & Liberty (by Entia), and they offer full white blood counts to assess side effects caused because of cancer treatment.**
No.
- i. **If yes, how is it funded? (please elaborate)**
Not applicable.
- b. **If not, is it because the pharmaceutical company already funds it? (Y/N) (please elaborate)**
Under the terms of the Act, we do not need to provide an answer as this would mean creating new information and giving an opinion. This information is not held.
- ii. **If yes, out of which budget does it come out from? (please elaborate)**
Not applicable.

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- c. **Furthermore, if these funding schemes do not currently exist at your trust and are not funded by pharmaceutical companies, are there plans to fund such initiatives in the future? (Y/N)**

This information is not held.

- i. **If yes, please give some examples of some of the funding initiatives. Examples of some of these funding pots include but are not limited to, the virtual wards fund, the digital fund, and the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)? (Please provide a detailed answer)**

Not applicable.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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