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RE: Freedom of Information Request

7th December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th November 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. How many specialist dentists are employed by Sherwood Hospitals and where are they based?
- 2. Does a dentist or hygienist go into Special Needs schools in your catchment area? $N\!/\!A$
- 3. If these services are not available for Special Needs patients, could the Board make the necessary provision through the NHS? N/A
- 4. There is a lot of unrest in the community about the lack of NHS dentists, and dentists are feeling hard done to as regards payment for their services. Is it possible for the Board to raise this issue with the Department of Health & Social Care?

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.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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