

Date: **9 September 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5400**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

**Your Request and Our Response (in bold)**

**Please see our response to your following request for information from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust:**

*I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2001 to request the following information.*

*This information is in respect of your contingency planning for a “No Deal” Brexit that is forecast for 31 October 2019.*

*My interest is not in the efficiency of your planning. My interest lies in better understanding how you are predicting the consequences on a No Deal Brexit on 31 October. The information I request is set out below.*

- 1. The contingency planning instructions and assumptions you have received from the Department of Health, and/or NHS England, and/or any other body; **Please see attached the EU Exit Update – NHSE)***
- 2. Any separate instructions from any of the above entities you have received in respect of the release of such plans or parts thereof to the public; **None***
- 3. Copies of any contingency plans or draft plans you have so far prepared. **Please see attached document showing planning and action from the Brexit Steering Group, including the R/A/G status on areas of assurance (Steering Grp SitRep Sept19).***

**Please note: \*the named person in the attached information has have refused consent for their personal data to be used for direct marketing purposes.**

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**The Trust takes breaches reported by our staff seriously and we will make relevant complaints, including referrals to the Information Commissioner, if necessary.**

4. *If these plans are not available in full, then details will suffice covering:*
  1. *Estimates of likely cancelled elective surgery over the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020, or the period for which you have made forecasts; **The Trust has no current plans to cancel any surgeries***
  2. *Estimates in changes in waiting times over your current waiting times for:*
    1. *Cancer diagnosis; **None at this stage***
    2. *The commencement of cancer treatment; **None at this stage***
  3. *The impact on A&E services including changes you anticipate in meeting A&E response times; **Not applicable – We do not have an A&E Department at GOSH.***
  4. *Your broad estimates of total avoidable deaths (or changes in forecast death rates) that can be attributed to your anticipated changes to service levels. **The Trust has no specific plans to alter service levels.***

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information team**

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**[Enclosed – Your rights – see next page]**

**Your Rights**

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI team and quote your reference number on all correspondence relating to your request.

You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team  
Great Ormond Street Hospital  
LONDON  
WC1N 3JH

If you are still not satisfied with your response, you also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF