

Date: **27 September 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5403**

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

1. How many private patient beds does your trust currently have in each of the following settings?

a) A dedicated private patient unit

b) Private patient wards c) Other private beds eg. on or near NHS wards
2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients? 3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds? If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)? 4. Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19.

5. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:

(a) self-pay patients (b) private health insurer(s)

6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.

(a) self-pay patients (b) private health insurer(s)

Our Request for Clarification

We asked you to provide clarification on your following request for information:

6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.

You were asked to clarify the exact meaning of ‘*this billing in each case*’ to see whether you were seeking to know how much the Trust received for the provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to (a) self-pay patients (b) private health insurer(s) for each individual case; or whether you meant something else?

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

You responded and clarified the meaning to be the total amount billed by the trust to self-pay patients and the total amount billed by the trust for the

treatment of patients covered by private health insurance in 2018/19. Hope this makes it clearer.

Our Response

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

1. How many private patient beds does your trust currently have in each of the following settings?

a) A dedicated private patient unit **53 beds**

b) Private patient wards **53 beds (as above)**

c) Other private beds eg. on or near NHS wards **We have up to 17 funded beds (at different occupancy levels)**

2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients? **Not applicable - GOSH does not designate beds for self-pay patients**

3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds? **Yes**

If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)? **4%**

4. Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19. **The Trust does not centrally record this level of information and is not, therefore, possible to split the costs between the different categories of sponsor, including self-pay. As a public authority (the Trust), we are not obliged to comply with a request where it would exceed the cost limit of 18 hours under Section 12 (Cost Limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate cost limits are defined by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 - SI 2004 No. 3244 ('Fees Regulation'). Your request is therefore refused under Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

5. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:

(a) self-pay patients **The gross income for UK and International self-pay was £7.6m**

(b) private health insurer(s) **The gross income for UK and International PMI was £6.1m**

6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.

(a) self-pay patients **The amount received for UK and International self-pay to date was £7.1m**

(b) private health insurer(s) **The amount received for UK and International PMI to date was £5.8m**

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

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

Quality & Safety team
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