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Original Request and Response

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain how your Trust acquires and distributes human milk products (also known as “breast milk” or “chest milk” based products, depending on Trust policy). I would like to know:

1. Does your Trust acquire human milk or human milk-based products for infant or paediatric feeding? If so, how?

Trust Response – No parents wishing to support their baby with donor human milk do so by applying directly to ‘The Hearts Milk Bank’.

2. Does your Trust have policy on providing human milk to adult patients for their consumption? If so, please can you attach it.

Trust Response – No

3. a. If your Trust acquires human milk-based products from private suppliers (e.g., companies), can you provide the annual amount spent on these products by your Trust for the past 5 years, if available?

Trust Response – The Trust does not acquire milk-based products from private suppliers.

3. b. If your Trust does not currently use private suppliers, please can you detail if your trust has been approached by any companies to purchase such products for infant, paediatric or adult consumption?

Trust Response – No recorded information relating to approaches from private suppliers for such products.

If you are not satisfied that your Freedom of Information request has been dealt with in an adequate manner, you have the right to request a review, requiring us to review our action and response. To request a review of this response, please contact the FOI Officer, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, St Catherine's Health Centre, Derby Road, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH42 0LQ or email: WCNT.foi@nhs.net. You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for review, you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision: The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, Telephone: 01625 545700.



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