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Dear 

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on the 1 December 2014, we are providing you with access to the recorded information held by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust in answer to your enquiry.

You requested the following information:

- 1) **Please list your trust's annual budgets for the following services in financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 (please list each year's budget separately, rather than combining them in a lump sum):**
 - **Assertive outreach**
 - **Community mental health teams**
 - **Crisis resolution/intensive home treatment teams**
 - **Early intervention in psychosis teams**
 - **Liaison psychiatry**

Refusal Notice

The Trust is unable to provide this information because it is commercially sensitive information and an exemption under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies:

Section 43(2) states:

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Section 43 is a qualified exemption meaning that a public test must be applied in order for the Trust to rely on it. The Trust therefore must therefore conduct a

balancing test to establish whether the public interest in releasing the information outweighs the public interest in withholding it.

The Trust is of the opinion that releasing this information would likely prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust for the following reasons:

The Trust is not prepared to release its detailed budgets as requested into the public domain, this is to prevent that information being aligned with the activity information provided under question 2, and providing detailed unit cost information, which if known to competitors would likely prejudice the Trust's competitiveness in any future tendering exercise should commissioners wish to tender for services.

In conclusion, due to the above-mentioned reasons the public interest in withholding the requested information outweighs the public interest in releasing it.

2) Please list the number of referrals your trust has received for the following services in financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 (so far)? For 2014-15 please provide referral data up to 1st December or the nearest possible date:

- **Assertive outreach**
- **Community mental health teams**
- **Crisis resolution/intensive home treatment teams**
- **Early intervention in psychosis teams**
- **Liaison psychiatry**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

3) Please provide copies of any correspondence sent by your trust since April 2013 to NHS clinical commissioning groups or local authority commissioners regarding resourcing of mental health services or resourcing of home treatment teams specifically.

Refusal Notice

I can confirm that from the Trust's preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request relating to question 3 above, would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The cost limit is currently set at £450, which equals 18 hours at £25.00 per hour.

The Trust estimates that it would take:

3 hours x 18 lead service officers to search for and provide the requested information = **54 hours**

Plus **3** days to collate the requested information.

A standard working week consists of 37.5 hours.

37.5 divided by 5 = 7.5 x 3 = **22.5 hours.**

54 hours + 22.5 hours = 76.5 hours

76.5 hours x £25.00 = Total: £1912.50

You will note that the total cost to provide you with the requested information is £1912.50 which is far in excess of the prescribed £450.00 cost limit.

4) Please attach copies of any research or analysis your trust has conducted since April 2013 into staffing or resourcing levels in your crisis resolution or home treatment teams.

Refusal Notice

I can confirm that the Trust has not conducted any research since April 2014 into staffing or resourcing levels in its crisis resolution or home treatment teams.

In relation to providing any analysis into staffing or resourcing levels in the Trust's crisis resolution or home treatment teams, I can confirm that from the Trust's preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request relating to question 4 above, would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The cost limit is currently set at £450, which equals 18 hours at £25.00 per hour. This is due to the copious amount of information held by the Trust. As indicated above under question 3 the cost limit has already been comprehensively exceeded.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely


Interim Information Governance Officer