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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45971 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Outpatient Pharmacy Provider

Your request is set out below:

1. Your trust was contracted with Lloyds Pharmacy Healthcare Services Ltd for outpatient pharmacy services at the time that the firm ceased trading in the summer. You now need to find an alternative provider of outpatient pharmacy services. Please can you tell me whether the trust has made a decision on a replacement provider for this service? And if so can you tell me what organisation you have contracted to provide the service?

No formal decision has been made or approved by the Trust Board.

2. Please provide me with the time and date, agenda and minutes of any meetings held by the trust internally and with outside organisations (including other NHS organisations) on the subject of finding a replacement for LPHS, that took place after the announcement in August that that firm would no longer be providing the service to you.

This information is exempt under section 43 (commercial interests) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests. KMPT has considered the public interest in disclosing this information and has determined that the prejudice arising from disclosure outweighs the benefit to the public; It has determined that disclosure could result in a competitive disadvantage to the supplier, could damage the supplier's and the Trust's commercial interests and could damage the Trust's financial interests.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are

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not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department