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*1. Your current emergency readmission rates for the Financial Year 2011/12.*

I can confirm that the Trust may hold (as defined in the Act) some of the information you requested, but it is not in a readily retrievable form. To collate the information you require would involve extraction from manual records and patient level review.

The relevant Trust departments have informed me that to gather this information would far exceed the fee limits set out in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the relevant fees regulations of 2004. Under section 12 of the Act the Trust is entitled to refuse a request where the cost of responding exceeds £450, and must regrettably do so in this instance. I am sorry we are unable to assist with this part of your request on this occasion.

*2. Your projected estimate of lost income for the Financial Year 2011/12.*

As set out in answer 1 above, we do not ordinarily calculate these figures. Because of the absence of detailed analysis last year (in setting up the current year contract for 2011-12) a total estimated figure for re-admissions was agreed, this was set at £1,210,000.

However, because the contract with our Commissioner's also includes a 'risk sharing' percentage, and because of greater than planned activity levels the amount will be reduced by 50% so that the Trust will only 'lose' £605,000. This will be re-addressed in 2012-13 in discussion our contracting position with commissioners from 1 April 2012.