

23 January 2018

**Our Ref:** RFI 22281

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation Female Cancer Costing**

I refer to your request for information relating to the above, which you requested on 21 December 2017 and your clarification email of 28 December 2017.

***Please provide how much does HSCNI-SET spend on female forms of Cancer. Treatment costs that are for female only cancers (gynaecological cancer). Costs for the year 2016.***

To collate this information would take in excess of 18 hours as treatments include numerous modalities such as surgery, interventions and chemotherapy agents and other medications.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

*12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Chemotherapy for gynaecological cancers is only delivered by the Cancer Centre which is within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. You may wish to contact their FOI team directly at [publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net).

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent

review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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