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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011307

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 03/12/2012 in connection with 'Liverpool Care Pathway'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

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Yours sincerely

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Your request was for:

**1 - a) On how many occasions have patients been placed on the Liverpool Care Pathway?
b) Please include a breakdown by age of patient using the following age groups: 0-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99, 100+**

2 - On how many occasions have patients been placed on the Liverpool Care Pathway and then taken off it?

3 - On how many occasions have patients been placed on the Liverpool Care Pathway with no record that a full explanation was given to the patient's relative or carer?

The Trust does not hold this information electronically. The information is held within each patient's case notes.

For the Trust to provide this information would incur the following cost;

There are an average of 20 sets of notes sent to the Bereavement Office daily.

For staff to view each set of notes for the three years for the information that you have requested the cost incurred would be –

20 sets of notes x 365 (days notes received in a year) = 7300 sets of notes.

Allowing approximately 3 minutes to check each set of notes for the information you have requested = 7300 notes x 3 minutes = 21900 minutes = 365 hours for one year.

365 hours for three years = 1095 hours

At £25 per hour to collate the information would be 1095 hours x £25 = £27375 cost to retrieve the information