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Dear [REDACTED],

### **Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 34420 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) - 2018 to 2022 whilst undertaking patient handling activities

Your request is set out below:

Would it be possible for you to provide the following information?

- Number of workplace patient handling MSD's / injuries per 1000 clinical staff?

#### **Fewer than 5**

**Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.**

**The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information**

- Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD's / injury? For example, neck, arms, back, hip, legs, other

**Neck, chest/ribs, fingers, shoulder and knee.**

- Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling leads for each healthcare organisation?

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- Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling facilitators for each clinical environment?

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- Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling MSD's / injury reported?

0

- Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff?

**£786.66**

- Number of litigation cases made per year?

0

- The legal costs to the NHS of defending workplace patient handling caregiver injury claims per year.

0

- The amount of money paid out in compensation / settlement costs to claimants per year.

0

- How many claims were settled out of court per year

0

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 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