The Trust is committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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Our reference: /FOI D9468

10th December 2019

Joebloggs@email

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Dear Joe,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST - REF: D9468

Please find our Trust’s response in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would like to know how much money GMMH spends on out of area inpatient beds for patients living in Bolton. This includes both NHS beds needed elsewhere (for different trusts other than GMMH) and private hospital beds, such as The Priory, Altrincham.

I am only interested in beds needed for both male and female acute adult beds over 18 years old.

Please provide the information from January 2018 on a month to month basis up until October 2019.

Ideally I want to know the cost per stay as well as how many times per month a patient was sent out of area due to a bed shortage within GMMH.

Information not held. GMMH does not hold information relating to spend for Bolton out of area placements. Bolton CCG is responsible for the spend on out of area beds for their population. GMMH pays for some of the CCG activity for out of area beds (in particular, the contract we hold with the Priory), however these are then recharged back to the CCG. If the CCG has any additional out of area beds in excess of those purchased from the Priory we would not have the detail on the costs of these. Therefore, to ensure a complete response we would advise that this query is directed to Bolton CCG.

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review.
If you require an internal review please write to Sarah McDonald, Head of IM&T Service Delivery, at the address above, who will arrange a review of your case.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely
The FOI Team
Freedom of Information Department
Greater Manchester MH NHS Foundation Trust

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