**FOI Enquiries regarding Patient Back Log ( responses shown in red)**

Here is the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

Please could you tell me:

* the size of your elective patient backlog 187 patients in July.
* if your trust has sub-contracted any elective work to independent sector providers during July and August - Yes, outpatient work only in 1 specialty – respiratory
* if your trust plans to sub-contract any work during September  - ENT and Respiratory in September
* if work has been subcontracted, please tell me how many patients have been treated by independent sector providers through a sub-contracting agreement, and how many patients are planned to be treated in September -  In July & August 43 and 140 in September
* how much money has been paid to the independent sector providers through July, August and September – 24720
* the names of the independent sector providers – the Trust is unable to provide this information as it believes it is contrary to Section 43 of the FOI Act.

I trust that your request has been satisfactorily answered, but I should advise you that you have the right to complain about this response by reference to the complaints procedure of the Weston Area Health NHS Trust, in which case you should write to me at this email address.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision of the Trust following your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner, whose address is:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Ward

on behalf of Gillian Hoskins

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