**FOI Enquiries Regarding Patient Thefts ( responses shown in red)**

**Enquiry 1**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information:

1. How many reports of thefts of personal effects from hospitals your organisation has received in the last three years? See table below

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|  | **Person** | **Loss** | **Police involved** |
| **Jan 11** | Inpatient | Cash £30 | No |
| **Jan 11** | Inpatient | Cash £38 | No |
| **Oct 13** | Inpatient | Yellow colour ring - No Cost available | No |
| **Mar 13** | Inpatient | Cash £9 | No |
| **Oct 13** | Inpatient | Yellow colour ring - No Cost available | No |
| **Jan 14** | Inpatient | Cash £270 | Yes |

1. If the information is not available for the last three years, then please send the information for the last two years, if this is not possible then please send the information for the last year. N/A
2. Please outline if the allegations were made against members of staff and what actions were taken against the staff. Not made against staff
3. Whether the trust’s investigation found the theft had occurred and whether it was a member of staff that made the theft. No staff members identified
4. Please outline what months the alleged thefts are said to have taken place and what the personal effects were, and if possible their estimated value. See table attached
5. Which hospital the thefts were said to have taken place and if possible the site in the hospital the thefts were alleged to take place. Weston General Hospital
6. Whether any reports led to charges and convictions. No
7. Please outline if the allegations were made by the relatives of the deceased. Not known

I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably as a data set, eg. in Excel, NOT as a PDF.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions in the Data Protection Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If some parts of this request are easier to answer than others, I would ask that you release the available data as soon as possible.

If you need any clarification then please do not hesitate to contact me. Under Section 16 it is your duty to provide advice and assistance and so I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way.

I would be grateful if you could confirm by email that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you within the 20-working day statutory time period.

**Enquiry 2**

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

How many incidents of theft have there been from patients at the trust in the last three financial years

Could I have the figures broken down by per year and per each hospital in the trust?

 Can you break them down to show how many were inpatients and how many were outpatients?

 Where possible could you please list the items that were reported stolen and the value of the items?

How many times during this time frame have you had to call in the police to investigate a theft?

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|   | **Person** | **Loss** | **Police involved** |
| **11/12** | Inpatient | Cash £30 | No |
| **11/12** | Inpatient | Cash £38 | No |
| **12/13** | Inpatient | Yellow colour ring - No Cost available | No |
|  | Inpatient | Cash £9 | No |
| **13/14** | Inpatient | Cash £270 | Yes |

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,

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on behalf of Gillian Hoskins

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Weston Area Health NHS Trust