**FOI Enquiries Regarding Rheumatology ( responses shown in red)**

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

1)     Does the Trust have a rheumatology service?

a.   Yes

2)     Does the Trust have an early inflammatory arthritis clinic?

a.    Yes

3)    Is the Trust currently meeting or exceeding the standards of the Best Practice Tariff for Early Inflammatory Arthritis?

b.   Yes, for some patients

4)     Which tariff does the Trust predominantly use for early inflammatory arthritis patients?

a.     The standard Payment by Results tariff

5)     Is the Trust planning to introduce the Best Practice Tariff for Early Inflammatory Arthritis in 14/15?

b.    No

6)     Does the Trust use any other Best Practice Tariffs?

a.     Acute stroke care                                                           Y

b.    Adult renal dialysis                                                         N/A

c.     Daycases                                                                      Y

d.    Diabetic ketoacidosis and hypoglycaemia                       N/A

e.     Early inflammatory arthritis                                             N

f.     Endoscopy procedures                                                  Y

g.    Fragility hip fracture                                                        Y

h.     Interventional radiology                                                  Y

i.      Major trauma                                                                  N/A

j.      Outpatient procedures                                                    Y

k.     Paediatric diabetes year of care                                      Y

l.      Paediatric epilepsy                                                         N/A

m.   Parkinson's disease                                                       N/A

n.     Pleural effusion                                                              N/A

o.    Primary total hip and knee replacements                          Y

p.    Same day emergency care                                              Y

q.    Transient ischaemic attack                                              Y

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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