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Thank you for your request concerning dove ward bed cost.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Information Regulation 2004.

1. What it costs for a bed per night or week in Dove Ward, Kingfisher Court.

The Trust considers the breakdown of bed costs to be commercially sensitive under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.¹ Information is exempt if disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority holding the information. This is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to the public interest test.

We have considered the reasons for and against disclosure below:

Reasons for disclosure

There is considerable interest in ensuring that Trusts are transparent about its spending of public money at a time when public finances are under considerable scrutiny.

Reasons against disclosure

Bed placement is conducted in a commercial environment and disclosure of this information could prejudice future commercial procurement exercises and our ability to ensure value for money.

We feel that there is a greater public interest in non-disclosure due to the importance of ensuring the best use of public money, competition with private providers and achieving best outcomes for service users.

Conclusion

We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act at this time. We believe the release of this information would prejudice our position within the competitive environment.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Amara Chukwurah

¹ Section 43 – Information that constitutes a trade secret or may prejudice commercial interests

Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please click [here](#).



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