

Our Ref: CTFOI-231

19 May 2014

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

#### **Original Request:**

I request all information regarding the Wirral Community NHS Trusts payments of "regular user allowance".

Namely broken down to:

1. Exact number of staff entitled to receive this payment?
2. Exact number of staff actually receiving this payment?
3. Exact number of staff past and present owed outstanding payments?
4. Average amount of outstanding payments owed in £'s?
5. Total amount in £'s owed and not paid to employees?
6. Where are these funds within the trust's budget?
7. Who is the overall signatory for the payment of these funds?
8. Have these owed funds been designated to any other department's budget, if so who authorised such?

#### **Our Response:**

In response to your FOI request, detailed below is the information requested:

Following national changes in July 2013, the trust no longer pays regular user allowance and adheres to the revised payments set out to NHS employers. However, the following payments were made to staff in June 2013:

1. 334 employees were entitled to receive payment.
2. 334 employees received payment.
3. There are no members of staff owed outstanding payments.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.
6. Regular user allowance funds were included in the trust budgets until the payment was abolished.
7. The relevant line manager or budget holder would have been the authorised signatory for the allowance.
8. Not applicable.