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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, would it please be possible for you to provide me with following information:

For each hospital site operated by your trust, please provide the following information. If information is not held at hospital level, please provide it at the closest available level of aggregation.

1. Does the hospital have a fully compliant fire alarm system in operation covering the entirety of this hospital's estate? Please answer Yes/No.

Yes, each site operated by the Trust has a fully compliant fire alarm system in operation covering the entirety of that hospital's estate.

2. During the 2024/25 financial year, did the hospital employ or contract a 'waking watch' service at any point?

No.

a. If Yes, how much did the hospital spend on waking watch services during the 2024/25 financial year?

b. If Yes, what were the primary reasons for having a waking watch service?

Please select all which apply:

- i. Fire alarm system absent, incomplete or not fully operational**
- ii. External wall system or cladding-related fire safety concerns**
- iii. Other**

Not applicable.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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