

# Request title: Letter from James Brent re cancer targets during 2015

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Date of Response: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Initial Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, may I request –

A copy of the letter sent by your chairman, James Brent, on or after, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015, to the NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group regarding their concerns about the hospital failing to meet a series of targets for treating cancer.

In addition, any replies received, or further correspondence, would also be useful to me.

## Initial Reply

The Trust can confirm that the Chairman has not sent a letter to the NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group regarding their concerns about the hospital failing to meet a series of targets for treating cancer on or after 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## Further request

I am aware such a communication exists and would like access to it.

Perhaps the problem with my request was that it was phrased, or dated, too precisely.

May I instead request a copy of any communications sent by your chairman regarding the cancer targets, in the months around that specific date, to any other body or organisation, please?

I'm sure I don't need to remind the trust of its legal duty under the act to be helpful.

## Further Reply

Please see the above letters from James Brent the Trusts Chairman to Dr Tim Burke of the Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group that were sent between August and October regarding the hospital failing to meet a series of targets for treating cancer during 2015, along with the responses received from Dr Tim Burke.