17 December 2019
Our Ref: MW/AW/FOI 6636

Dear Applicant,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information Reference: 6636**

Further to your request for information received 21 November 2019 please find the Trust’s response below.

On 1st October 2019, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was created, through the merger of Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust. Therefore, this response is for all sites.

**Response from Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:**

1. Does your NHS Trust have an EAT Service (Electronic Assistive Technology)?
   - Yes, based on the Aintree University Hospital site, this service covers the North West Region.

2. Could you tell us where referrals to your service come from? (eg: wards, departments, hospital social workers, community NHS staff, GP's, Local Authorities)

3. Is the service you offer part of the Trusts routine offering to aid early discharge from hospital/prevent delayed transfers of care?

4. Who is the Manager for that service and what are their contact details?
   - The Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust must take a balanced view of an individual's right to confidentiality versus the public interest in releasing any information that would identify them. The Trust has a legal responsibility to balance confidentiality with public interest, and on this occasion, as the details requested relate to a role in which the post holder’s information is not already in the public domain, the Trust has concluded there is no public interest in the information requested being released. This information is therefore being withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

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Alternatively you can visit the Trust’s webpage for contact details: http://www.aintreehospital.nhs.uk/contact-us/

5. Who is the budget holder for that service and what are their contact details?
   • Please see response to question 4 above.

If you have any queries about this response or wish to discuss your request further please contact the Freedom of Information Team.

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Kind Regards

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