

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 19/20: 262

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 08/08/2019.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide you with the information requested as:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding how your NHS Trust rates its preparedness for No Deal Brexit on October 31st 2019.

What are the traffic light ratings (green/ orange/ red), or rating system of your preference, for your current preparedness for a No Deal Brexit for the following areas, previously identified by NHS Providers as key considerations for NHS Trusts:

- *Supply of medicines and devices*
- *Other supplies of goods and services*
- *Workforce*
- *Research and development*
- *Funding and macroeconomic impacts*
- *Regulation (eg. around UK-wide arrangements to replace the functions of EU agencies)*
- *Public health (eg. in relation to early warning systems for medicines safety)*
- *Drugs pipeline (eg. slower approvals for the UK market compared to the EU)"*

Northampton General Hospital together with partners in Northamptonshire Local Resilience Forum holds information on a wide range of subjects to enable contingency planning. This information includes considerations relating to the UK exit from the European Union. However I can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold the specific information that you have requested.

We are not obliged to confirm or deny whether we hold the information you have requested as this would prejudice or be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. Section 36(3) of the Act provides that there is no duty to confirm or deny whether we hold the information.