By email to: doi2021@st-andrews.ac.uk

Date: 23 September 2021

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 request**

Dear Millie Cooke, Dr Margaret McCartney, Calum McCutcheon, Mary O’Keeffe

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 25 August 2021. I understand this to be a request to the AHSN Network. I am able to provide this regional response on behalf of the West Midlands Academic Health Science Network (WMAHSN).

We will answer your request by setting out each of your questions and following with specific answers from the WMAHSN. The following information is for the time period 1 January 2018 to 31 July 2021 (inclusive).

**1. Details of any funded or sponsored posts in cardiology from charities, pharmaceutical or technology companies.**

We do not have a cardiology service but support the delivery of a Cardiovascular Disease Prevention & Management Programme at a regional level. We do not have any externally funded posts within the CVD programme team.

***2. Details of any funded/sponsored/gifted equipment/software in cardiology.***

*In 2018 the WMAHSN team took receipt of a Cardiocity device to use as part of our primary care upskilling workshops. The device is no longer recommended by NICE and as such will no longer be used.*

**3. Information about any educational events relating to cardiology which were sponsored by any pharmaceutical or technology companies or sponsored by charities.**

Bayer sponsored (venue and catering only) the delivery of:

2 educational workshops in Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG and Wolverhampton as part of our AF programme (dates are unavailable), but they were delivered in early 2019.

3 heart failure (HF) workshops in Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG - total funding £2,000 for venue and catering only. This was also supplemented by Pfizer (£350 per workshop).

If you ask for a review and are dissatisfied with the outcome, under Section 50 of the

Freedom of Information Act you then have a right of appeal to the Information

Commissioner. The Information Commissioner’s address is:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Your sincerely

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