



Our Reference:

**BY EMAIL ONLY**

27 July 2015

Dear

**Request for Information**

Thank you for your email dated 3 July 2015 requesting information on the former Hitchin hospital. For ease of reference your request is below:

*I have been informed by the NHS Property Services that the site of the former Hitchin Hospital, Hitchin, Hertfordshire was transferred to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) on 31 March 2014.*

*I would like to make a Freedom of Information request in respect of the site of the former Hitchin Hospital, Talbot Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JZ.*

*Hitchin Hospital, which was closed in summer 2012 by Hertfordshire primary care trust, NHS Hertfordshire.*

*The site comprises the former hospital buildings, and is approximately 0.68 hectares (1.67 acres) in size.*

*My Freedom of Information request is to ascertain what are Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) plans for this site.*

We can confirm that former Hitchin hospital site formed part of the first tranche of the NHS transfer.

The site has been marketed for sale by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) as part of the transfer agreement and surplus public sector land policy requirements. The HCA are in the late stages of completing the sale and transfer.

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

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If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

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Yours sincerely

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