

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-705

26 September 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

In response to Q7: "How much extra money did your trust pay during the junior doctors' strike days (13th, 14th, 15th March and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April) in total?" you responded with the figure £1,547,000 (sum of 13th – 15th March – approximately £630k and 11th – 14th April – approximately £917k)

To ensure our reporting is accurate, please could you answer the following questions relating to your answer to Q7:

1. Can you confirm this money was specifically to cover the cost of and directly attributable to the absence of junior doctors who were on strike?

The information provided is the best estimate the Trust can currently provide of costs attributable to the absence of junior doctors who didn't work due to industrial action.

2. Does this figure also take into account the wage savings of the salaries not paid to striking junior doctors?

No.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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Yours sincerely

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