

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-764

8 November 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

I'd like to request information for this financial year (2023/24) for University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust.

I'm requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act because I couldn't find it in your relevant Integrated Care Board's (ICB) published papers.

We had sent FOI requests to the relevant ICBs but were told we would need to send FOI requests to NHS trusts.

My request is as follows:

- **Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.**

This is 3.7% of pay expenditure and based on the plan submitted to NHS England at the start of the year, the limit would be £22.8m.

- **Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:**

1. Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)

- a. Planned surplus/deficit**
- b. Planned expenditure**

2. Workforce expenditure

- a. Planned agency/locum spend**
- b. Planned bank spend**
- c. Planned total staff expenditure**

Please see our response in the table below:

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1. Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)												
a. Planned surplus/deficit	-2,476	-2,419	-202	-1,673	-1,524	664	-1,603	-1,587	658	-1,657	-1,661	10,618
b. Planned expenditure	-91,423	-93,484	-92,520	-94,198	-95,216	-91,487	-95,366	-95,379	-91,916	-96,940	-95,964	-84,452
2. Workforce expenditure												
a. Planned agency/locum spend	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,624	-2,606
b. Planned bank spend	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,472	-2,477
c. Planned total staff expenditure	-50,454	-50,454	-50,454	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-49,582	-39,558

Please note that the financial plan has progressed since the initial submission.

3. Efficiency savings

a. Planned efficiency savings

Please see our response in the table below.

Period	Plan	
	In month	Year to date
	£000	£000
Apr-23	£1,525	£1,525
May-23	£1,583	£3,108
Jun-23	£1,550	£4,658
Jul-23	£2,372	£7,030
Aug-23	£2,521	£9,551
Sep-23	£2,458	£12,009
Oct-23	£2,497	£14,506
Nov-23	£2,512	£17,018
Dec-23	£2,508	£19,526
Jan-24	£2,516	£22,042
Feb-24	£2,512	£24,554
Mar-24	£2,497	£27,050

• Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

1. Trust financial position

a. Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12

b. Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12

2. Workforce expenditure

a. Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12

b. Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12

c. Actual spend relating to industrial action, and forecast outturn for M12

d. Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12

3. Efficiency savings

a. Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12

4. Prescribing costs

a. Actual spend relating to prescribing, and forecast outturn for M12

I would appreciate it if you could return the data in a computer-readable format such as CSV or XLSX.

We do hold the requested information; however, under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is exempt from disclosing the information as it is intended for future publication in the Trust's Annual Report which will be available on the Trust website next year.

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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