

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-359**

19 August 2020

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.

- 1. For the financial years ending April 2019 and April 2020, please can you provide the following information for both Weston Area Health NHS Trust and University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust separately:**
  - The total amount spent in each of those years [exc. VAT] (presented as separate information, not disclosed as a total for both years) by your NHS Trust on fees for the recruitment of doctors on fixed-term and permanent contracts (not locum/hourly doctors). These are fees paid to recruitment agencies, recruitment businesses and associated service providers and are commonly referred to as 'finder's fees'.**

Year ending April 2019:

Weston Area health Trust: £104,500, University Hospitals Bristol: £8,000.

Year ending April 2020:

Weston Area Health Trust: £54,500, University Hospitals Bristol: £39,500.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street

Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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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