

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-044

9 February 2021

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 2019 BMA and NHS England (NHSE) reached an agreement for funds to be allocated to trusts providing they signed up to the Fatigue and Facilities Charter. Up to £60,000 was allocated to individual trusts, with spending to be determined by the Trust Junior Doctor Forums.

The BMA are now in the process of auditing how this money has been spent and are asking all Trusts who received the money to provide details of how it has been spent or is planning to be spent if there is still money remaining.

1. Funding

Total Funds Given to Trust = £60,100

Total Funds Spent so far = £50,323

Total Funds Unspent so far = £9,777

Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items = £9,777

2. What was your process for allocation of funds?

Junior doctors consulted, mess areas viewed and needs identified with mess leads. Ideas were reviewed and prioritised. Funding split according to need.

a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?

The Junior Doctors' Forum were fully involved in decision making for the allocation of funds.

b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?

No

c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?

British Medical Association representatives attended the Junior Doctors' Forum

d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?

A group decision was made. Following consultation with the Junior Doctors' Forum, Junior Doctors' and Dentists' Committee and Mess Teams, a final decision was reached by a group including:

Rachel McCoubrie, Lead for Wellbeing and Support for doctors and dentists

Rebecca Aspinall, Director for Medical Education

Sarah Green, Associate Director of Education

Alistair Johnstone, Guardian for Safeworking

Orlando Carter, Chief Registrar

3. If you have spent all the funding, when was this achieved (month and year if possible)?

The Trust has not spent all of the allocated funds.

4. What are the plans for any unused funding at the end of this financial year?

Plan to buy lockers for the Dolphin house mess and Children's hospital mess by 31.3.21.

Chase BEH by end of FEB 2021 TO CLARIFY what exactly they want to spend their £2k on in their room renovation.

a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?

Plan to spend the money by 31.3.21.

b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?

Capital Dolphin House Doctors Mess CAP Refurb

5. Were there barriers to spending/allocating the money?

Delays in allocation due to operational pressures.

6. Please provide a breakdown on what items/areas the money has been spent/allocated on so far

BRI mess renovation – all areas including kitchen, living area, office area. Total refurb including flooring, paint, blinds, new kitchen, new office furniture and sofas, easy chairs, day beds, etc.

Estates cost = £23,726

Furniture spend = £27,508

Estates plus furniture = £51,234

£5k allocated for the Children's mess of which approx. £1800 has been spent on two day beds and plan to buy lockers and other smaller items.

£2k is allocated for BEH who are changing the purpose of the old library to a rest room for doctors.

Any left over after all this will be spent on lockers for the Dolphin house mess.

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.

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Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
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Yours sincerely

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