

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-215

28 March 2024

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. The total amount spent by the Trust on bank and agency doctors in each of the last 5 financial years (including 2023/24 so far)

2019-2020: £1,683,385

2020-2021: £6,232,937

2021-2022: £9,096,010

2022-2023: £6,277,280

2023-2024: £6,158,741 (until end of February 2024)

II. The total amount spent by the Trust on bank and agency nurses in each of the last 5 financial years (including 2023/24 so far)

2019-2020: £21,823,827

2020-2021: £30,809,758

2021-2022: £40,026,296

2022-2023: £45,415,531

2023-2024: £44,844,924 (until end of February 2024)

III. The largest amount spent by the Trust on a single agency nurse shift in 2023/24

We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

IV. The largest amount spent by the Trust on a single agency doctor's shift in 2023/24

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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
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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