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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information on doctors' overtime and additional payments at your Trust in the previous three financial years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15).

- How much has been paid to medical consultants in overtime and additional payments in each of the last three financial years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15)?
- How many medical consultants have been paid in overtime and additional payments in each of the last three financial years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15)?
- How many hours of overtime have been worked by medical consultants in each the last three financial years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15)?
- How many medical consultants earned over a) £100,000 or b) £50,000 in overtime and additional payments in each of the last three financial years (2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15)?

Refusal Notice. The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Regulation 4(3) of the Fees Regulations states that a public authority can only take into account the costs it reasonably expects to incur in carrying out the following permitted activities in complying with the request:

- determining whether the information is held;
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and

extracting the information from a document containing it.

All public authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour.

This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work for all public authorities.

Consultants are not paid 'overtime' they are paid additional programmed activities (APA). Some of them work regular APAs as part of their contract and some will be paid additional ones sporadically for working extra.

There is no way of telling quickly, and therefore we would have to look at all the consultants in every month who have worked APA's and go back to the source payroll file to see why this was – for 3 years.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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