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Response Due: 18th November 2019

30th October 2019

Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I am writing to request information under Freedom of Information laws.

May you please provide the following:

- 1) The total amount of compensation payments paid out to NHS staff**
 - a. May you please provide the figures per year within the past three financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, and 2017/2016)**
 - b. i.e. in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims to staff**

- 2) The total cost of compensation payments paid out to NHS staff**
 - a. May you please provide the figures per year within the past three financial years (2019/18, 2018/17, and 2017/2016)**
 - b. i.e. in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims amounting to £35,000**

- 3) In each instance, may you please further detail on the nature/ reason behind the compensation payments for example, exposure to toxic substances, assaults from patients, slips / falls on the ward**
 - a. i.e. in 2018/17, the Trust paid out 10 compensation claims amounting to £35,000. 6 claims related to exposure of toxic substances and 4 claims related to individuals who suffered slips/ falls on the ward**

If you believe the contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions and exemptions by reference to specific exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act.

We do not hold the information you require at the Trust.

If you could please contact NHS Resolutions using the link below:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

Or write to them at the address below:

The Information Access Manager
NHS Resolution
151 Buckingham Palace Road
London
SW1W 9SZ

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director/Consultant Interventional Cardiologist

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless

you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF