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Response Due: 12th April 2024

Date: 12th April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Does the trust offer clinical attachments for international medical graduates? Yes. We have a CASP programme (Clinical Attachment Support Programme).
- 2. How long do these attachments last? 4-week placements (observer only).
- 3. Does the trust charge international medical graduates to undertake a clinical attachment? If so, how much?

Yes, £250. Optional extra workshop (medical diagnostics & communication) subject to £75 charge including lunch.

4. What does this fee pay for/cover?

Cost covers onboarding/admin/materials costs and OH checks. The income funds a band 3 administrator salary, 25 hr p/w to administer programme. Price also includes a portfolio to retain evidence of achievements and assessments against the GMC domains to ensure attachés have the best opportunity for subsequent employment opportunities.

- **5.** Are international medical graduates paid while undertaking clinic attachments? No, they are not employees of the organisation.
- 6. Please share an example application form for the clinical attachments you offer. Please see attached.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Sanjay Arya Medical Director

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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