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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Kent & Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) Jan 2016 to date.

- 1) *The total expenditure that has been incurred on:*
- (a) *Consultants (other than NHS staff) – broken down by firm (and project type if available),*
 - (b) *On NHS staff, and*
 - (c) *On other running costs, - broken down by category (e.g. logo design, printing, catering, engagement materials), for the production of the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan from 1 January 2016 to date.*
- 2) *The budget for each of these three items for the financial year 2017/2018.*

1)
(a)

The cost of external support used in the development of the Kent and Medway STP, in 2015/16 and 2016/17, was £3,221,813. This provided additional essential support, expertise and capacity that would not have otherwise been available.

- Carnall Farrar: £2,972,123 - strategy, analytics and modelling and programme management
- MGWR: £120,447 - programme management
- Hood & Woolf Ltd: £113,043 - public engagement and communications
- Rostill Associates: £16,200 - programme management

(b)

The STP has brought NHS and social care staff together from a number of organisations to collaboratively, consistently and more effectively address the changing care needs of over 1.8 million people living in Kent and Medway.

Prior to the establishment of the STP, the same NHS and social care staff were working within their own individual organisations to meet people's changing care needs. The same staff are now combining their skills and expertise to more effectively and efficiently improve people's wellbeing throughout Kent and Medway.

NHS and social care staffing costs can therefore be kept broadly the same, as before, but the value that these teams can now bring to meeting people's future health and care needs, through their shared skills, expertise and planning, is greatly increased.

NHS and social care staffing costs are met by the individual organisations and not the STP. It would be for STP partner organisations to establish their individual staffing costs. This is different to consultant costs (as described in 1a) which is collectively met by STP partners.

(c)

The STP (as is the case for all NHS bodies) is required to publicly report all purchases over £25,000 and does so via a public website <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/> (under supplier transactions). The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to provide the additional level of detail you require. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

2)

The STP is a continuously evolving project and it is not possible to give a specific figure for 2017/18. The Kent and Medway STP is extremely cost-conscious, however, and continues to provide value for money and positively contribute to improvements in the quality and efficiency of local health services.