

NHS Trust

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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 Private patients.

- 1. What were the total outgoings of the trust for the treatment and care of private patients in each year from 2010-11 to 2015-16 inclusive?
- 2. What proportions of the outgoings for the treatment of private patients (discussed in question 1) were accounted for by (a) administrative costs and (b) capital and equipment replacement costs each year from 2010-11 to 2015-16 inclusive?
- 3. What was the trust's income from treating private patients in each year from 2010-11 to 2015-16?
- 4. Does the trust have a policy or standard procedure to calculate the price of private treatment? If yes, what are the components of the calculation?

1.

	Private Patient Costs
	Rounded to nearest
	£
YEAR	£
2010-11	2,596,212
2011-12	3,473,867
2012-13	5,282,381
2013-14	5,054,544
2014-15	5,887,353
2015-16	6,372,271

2. Proportions of (a) Admin costs 2010-11 to 2013-14 not available 2014-15 12% 2015-16 11% (b) Capital and equipment replace

(b) Capital and equipment replacement costs Not available

- 3. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. This information is available from an inspection of our annual accounts via the annual reports published on the Trust website as private patient income is separately disclosed (note 5 to the accounts (revenue from patient care activities).
- 4. The Trust follows standard NHS methodologies for costing all of its treatments. We don't have a separate policy or standard procedure for costing Private Patient treatments differently. We hold contracts with the insurance companies and negotiate tariffs with each of the insurers for the procedures we provide.