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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 EU staff and medicines from the EEA.

You asked:

- 1. How much does it cost in pounds sterling to recruit one doctor from an EEA country, as of October 2018?*
- 2. How much does it cost in pounds sterling to recruit one nurse from an EEA country, as of October 2018?*
- 3. How much did it cost in pounds sterling to recruit one doctor from an EEA country in October 2015?*
- 4. How much did it cost in pounds sterling to recruit one nurse from an EEA country in October 2015?*
- 5. How much of the overall budget is dedicated to recruitment?*
- 6. How much did you spend on medicines from the EEA in 2015?*
- 7. How much are you projecting to spend on medicines from the EEA in 2018?*
- 8. What percentage of medication came from the EEA in 2015?*
- 9. What percentage of medication came from the EEA in 2018?*

Trust response:

1. For the recruitment of doctors we do not have a specific campaign to recruit from EEA countries. These candidates would apply through the normal routes (NHS Jobs, TRAC)
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5. Please can you provide further information- Is the request asking about WTE within the recruitment department or budget for external advertising etc.?

6. 7. 8. & 9.

The Trust does not hold this information. We suggest you contact The Commercial Medicines Unit, www.gov.uk/government/collections/commercial-medicines-unit-cmu who may be able to assist.