

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 4783

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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 overpayments to staff.

*You asked:*

*This is a request under the freedom of information act for the following information based on the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19-to-date?*

- 1. How many staff employed by your trust were overpaid in error?*
- 2. In total, how much money were the staff overpaid by in the financial years stated above?*
- 3. For each year how much was recouped?*
- 4. What was the largest over-payment each year and how much was that for?*
- 5. Have you had to call in external debt recovery agencies or bailiffs to help recover the money?*

Trust response:

Please find attached data for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to support this request. This process was moved from one database system to another in August 2017 and therefore this information does not include any cases created and closed prior to August 2017. Any data regarding cases prior to August 2017 is held in a legacy system and is not easily accessible. The Trust has been advised by NHS SBS that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. 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.

1.

2017/18 – 475

2018/19 (to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018) - 50

2.

2017/18 - £1,151,034.80

2018/19 (to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018) - £104,766.75

3. 2016/17: 219,130.80    2017/18: 140,898.25    2018/19: 6,215.48 – Direct  
to Trust

2017/18 - £686,318.01 via NHS SBS

2018/19 (to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018) - £23,077.00 via NHS SBS

4. 2017/18 – 129,848.37

2018/19 (to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018) - £14,746.92

5. Yes