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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 translation and interpreting spending.

You asked:

- 1. The spending per financial year on translation services (written) and interpreting services (oral) for your organisation over each of the following 5 financial years: 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, as well as the languages involved. Please do not include data regarding the spending on services for the deaf and blind (such as sign language interpreting or Braille).*
- 2. The total budget for your organisation for each of the 5 financial years the information above is provided on, for all expenses not just for translation and interpreting services, i.e. to include all expenses such as salaries, utilities, equipment, consumables etc., with only the total figure given, no breakdown necessary. For example, I assume the total budget would be a few dozen or hundred million pounds per financial year. This is so that I can calculate the translation and interpreting spending as a percentage of the organisation's total budget (which I suspect would be around or under 0.1%).*

Trust response:

1.

2015/2016 – <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Interpreting-and-Translation-services-2013-2016.010317.pdf>

2016/2017 – <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Language-and-BSL-interpretation.-190719.pdf>

2017/2018 – <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Language-and-BSL-interpretation.-190719.pdf>

2018/2019 – <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Language-and-BSL-interpretation.-190719.pdf>

2019/2020 – £198,954

We cannot provide a further breakdown in terms of language.

2. 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. The information you requested is available from the trust website WWW.MTW.NHS.UK Please enter publications into the search box and then click on publication. Alternatively please use the following link:
<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/>