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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 Overseas recruitment.

*You asked:*

*How much has this trust spent on overseas recruitment (including all recruitment related activities, overseas recruitment trips, agency fees, staff salaries of overseas recruits of all occupations - such as nurses, doctors, admin staff etc - including costs of relocation, flights etc) from 1st January 2017 - the present (31st October 2022)?*

*If possible please break this down by year and by cost type (examples given above).*

Trust response:

This information is not held in a way that allows the Trust to automatically split costs into that solely for overseas recruitment. It may be that there is sufficient information on individual invoices to enable a response but this would require a staff member to open, read and collate the information held on all the invoices received for this timeframe.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.