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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 workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD).

You asked:

Clinical staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) – 2018 to 2022 whilst undertaking patient handling activities in each NHS England healthcare organisation

- 1. Number of workplace patient handling MSD's / injuries per 1000 clinical staff?*
- 2. Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD's / injury? For example, neck, arms, back, hip, legs, other*
- 3. Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling leads for each healthcare organisation?*
- 4. Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling facilitators for each clinical environment?*
- 5. Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling MSD's / injury reported?*
- 6. Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff?*
- 7. Number of litigation cases made per year?*
- 8. The legal costs to the NHS of defending workplace patient handling caregiver injury claims per year.*
- 9. The amount of money paid out in compensation / settlement costs to claimants per year.*
- 10. How many claims were settled out of court per year*

Trust response:

1. This information is not held in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the personnel record but in order to confirm this each record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff

member. The Trust has estimated 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.

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4. The Trust has started introducing link assessors into areas. At present there are three link assessors that are at a stage of facilitating training and competency.

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2018/2019 = 0

2019/2020 = 7

2020/2021 = 8

2021/2022 = 5

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