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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 the cost of strike cover.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

Please could you tell me how much money your trust spent on bank and/or agency and/or locum staff – and/or non-contractual rates to consultants or other medical staff employed by the trust – to cover junior doctors' shifts during industrial action by the British Medical Association on:

A) March 13-15 2023

and

B) April 11-15 2023

Please provide as much detail as possible on the staff category (i.e. agency or bank), department of the hospital and the day(s) of employment.

Trust response:

This information is not held in a reportable format on either our HR rostering or Finance invoicing systems as there is not a reason of Industrial Action available. 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. A reason of Industrial Action has now been added so for any future strike action that is an option that can be used but we will be reliant on the individual units using the reason as indicated.