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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 doctors' strike labour cost.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. Pursuant to my previous FOI "cost of strike cover", sent on April 25, please could you confirm the amount of money the trust would have expected to spend (or estimates it would have spent) paying the wages of staff junior doctors who took BMA strike action if those who took action had worked their shifts as normal?

I want to work out if the trust spent more money to cover striking doctors' shifts with additional labour than it would have done had the striking staff worked the shifts.

Please can I have information corresponding to these dates of industrial action by the British Medical Association:

A) March 13-15 2023 and

B) April 11-15 2023

Please provide as much detail as possible on the department of the hospital and the day(s) of employment.

Trust response:

Please note these figures are approximate. They are based on a calculation to get an hourly rate from the salary and are inclusive of employers' costs, so would have been the gross cost to the trust. A day is based on 8 hours.

A. £111,481.40 B. £136,195.23