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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 BMA strikes.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
The number of cancelled, delayed or missed appointments at your Trust as a result of British Medical Association strikes w/c 11th – 15th April, broken down by*

- 1. 1. Type of appointment, e.g. checkup, treatment, surgery*
- 2. 2. Type of care the appointment/surgery was required for, e.g. cancer – please specify which department too*

Trust response:

1. 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 <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/preparedness-for-potential-industrial-action-in-the-nhs/> This website provides the latest updates on potential industrial action in the NHS including rescheduling activity.
2. It may be possible that more detailed information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient 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.