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Date Received: 26th April 2023

Response Due: 26th May 2023

Date: 26th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please acknowledge receipt of my request by email.

The questions relate to how much the trust paid consultants during recent industrial action by junior doctors and whether the paid rates in line with the BMA's 'rate card'.

Please answer the following questions in the Excel sheet provided:

- 1. How much did the trust spend (£) in total on paying for consultants to carry out non-contractual shifts, or paying for consultants to act down during contractual shifts, required to cover junior doctors' during the seven days of industrial action by junior doctors taken between 13 to 16 March, and 11 to 14 April 2023? Please provide a £ figure for the total. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.**

Please find attached spreadsheet.

- 2. Did the trust pay the hourly rates outlined on the BMA rate card for consultants' non-contractual work, during either of the junior doctors' strikes in March or April? Please answer Yes or No. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.**

Please find attached spreadsheet.

- 3. If the trust answered “No” to question 2, what was the maximum hourly rate (£/hour) the trust paid for non-contractual shifts, or for consultants to act down during contractual shifts required to cover junior doctors’ shifts during either the March or April junior doctors’ strike? If you answered “yes” to question 2, please leave this answer blank. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.**

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- 4. Did the trust pay the hourly rates outlined on the BMA rate card for consultants' non-contractual shifts as of April 2023? Please answer Yes or No. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.**

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- 5. If the trust answered “No” to question 4, what is the maximum hourly rate (£/hour) the trust paid consultants for non-contractual shifts as of April 2023? If the trust answered “yes” to question 4, please leave this answer blank. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.**

Please find attached spreadsheet.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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