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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**I would like to request information regarding the money spent by your trust on NHS strike cover, over doctor strike periods.**

**For the following strike dates (inclusive):**

**13/3/23 - 15/3/23**

**11/4/23 - 14/4/23**

**14/6/23 - 16/6/23**

**13/7/23 - 18/7/23**

**20/7/23 - 21/7/23**

**11/8/23 - 14/8/23**

**24/8/23 - 25/8/23**

**19/9/23 - 22/9/23**

**02/10/23 - 04/10/23**

**Please can you provide:**

- 1. The total temporary staff spend on each day in the periods requested**

We don't hold the data for all staff groups in the daily format requested.

- 2. The total spend on strike cover on each day in the periods requested**

We don't hold the data for all staff groups in the daily format requested.

Our reported costs for covering industrial action are as follows:

<b>Estimated Impact of Industrial Action</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September *</b>
Additional Pay Costs	£359,498	£247,639	£297,476	£99,335	£313,249	£227,940	£132,800

September contains estimates, we don't have a view of October yet.

### 3. The top five daily rates paid for

#### i) **Doctor**

13/3/23 - 15/3/23 £262 pr hr  
£210  
£158  
£116  
£110

11/4/23 - 14/4/23 £269 per hr –  
£215  
£161  
£118  
£113

14/6/23 -16/6/23 – As march rates  
13/7/23 - 18/7/23 – As march rates  
20/7/23 - 21/7/23 – As March rates  
11/8/23 - 14/8/23 – As March rates  
24/8/23 - 25/8/23 – As March rates  
19/9/23 - 22/9/23 – As March rates  
02/10/23 - 04/10/23 – As March rates

#### ii) **Nurse on each day in the periods requested**

Please redirect your question to the NHS Professionals Freedom of information team via:

Email: [FOI@nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@nhsprofessionals.nhs.uk)

Write to the Information Governance Officer at:

Information Governance Department  
NHS Professionals  
Suites 1a &1b  
Breakspear Park  
Breakspear Way  
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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,



Kelly Knowles  
Operational Director of Finance

PLEASE NOTE:

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.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111