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Ref: FOI-00056

Date: 4/8/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

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 - £53,981
- and
- B) April 11-15 2023 - £67,739

The figures are a payment deduction by doctor. The question is asking what we would have paid the doctors if they had worked so we have assumed this would be as per what they have been deducted for not working.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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