

Freedom of Information request 017648

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - Ref: FOI/017648 – External consultancy

1. How much money was spent on external consultancy services to help improve hospital processes and efficiency for the tax years 2012 to 2022?

For 2012 to 2017 see previous Freedom of Information request on the disclosure log on the Trust's external website <http://www.dgft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in 011538, 013369 and 013610

2017/18 = £548,989
2018/19 = £1,328,075
2019/20 = £1,007,872
2020/21 = £140,620
2021/22 = £0

2. Has your organisation directly employed during the period of 2012 to 2022 data analysts and or statisticians (not through consultancy services nor through academic access)?

- Statisticians: Our Informatics team do not have Statisticians, as roles, however, there have been individuals in analyst roles with statistical backgrounds.

Data analysts: Yes

3. If yes, to question 2, did they facilitate non-research hospital governance and improvement activity and/or data analytics for the NHS?

- The data analysts supported the Trust in identifying opportunities for improvements and the track and measure the impact of improvements made.

4. Does your hospital currently have an improvement/development team?

- Yes, and it does include a data analyst

5. Which group of employees carries out the majority of governance and improvement projects? a) doctors, b) nurses, c) doctors and nurses, d) a specific team.

- The Trust have an embedded Dudley Improvement Practice which supports multi-disciplinary teams to undertake improvements within their own areas. As a trust we are committed to creating a culture of continuous improvement that means all are staff undertake or are involved in improvement projects.