

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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West Midlands
DY1 2HQ

Ref: FOI-000379

Date: 26/10/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

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:

The total temporary staff spend on each day in the periods requested

The total spend on strike cover on each day in the periods requested

The top five daily rates paid for i) doctor and ii) nurse on each day in the periods requested

Response

To provide the information in the format requested would require a manual trawl/data extraction from multiple systems and individual invoices. This would take more than the recommended FOI time, so the Trust is applying Exemption Section 12(1) - Cost Exceeds the Appropriate limit.

There have been other requests for information on strike action, to see information that the Trust has been able to provide please go to the Freedom of Information request disclosure log [Disclosure log - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](#) and in the 'search box' type in strike

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Request number 000310 requested similar information and the only thing we could provide was summary level information for each strike episode.

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.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
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