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Date: 06/06/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

On 26th April there was the Dudley leadership conference which featured motivational speaker 'Ife Thomas'

- 1) I would like to know the total cost to the Dudley group of organising this conference.**
- 2) The fee paid to secure Ife Thomas's attendance.**
- 3) The number of doctors who were present at the conference.**

Response

- 1) I would like to know the total cost to the Dudley group of organising this conference.**

Venue: £4559 excluding VAT and £192 for additional costs (programmes ext.)

- 2) The fee paid to secure Ife Thomas's attendance.**

Providing cost would reveal commercial in confidence contract pricing arrangements so as per FOI Exemption 43 (2):

FoI exemption 43 (2) 'Commercial Interests': The level of competition currently experienced within the NHS is such that the release of detailed information specifically relating to service level reporting detailing capacity and funding would have a prejudicial impact on the Trust resulting in it being less competitive.

Therefore, the Trust wishes to use Freedom of Information exemption section 43 (2) Commercial Interests (where information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)).

- 3) The number of doctors who were present at the conference.**

18 doctors were present at the conference, but more were invited and sent apologies or did not attend.

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

**Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**