

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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West Midlands
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Ref: FOI-042023-00040

Date: 5th June 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Please could you tell me how much money your trust spent on bank and/or agency and/or locum staff – and/or non-contractual rates to consultants or other medical staff employed by the trust – to cover junior doctors' shifts during industrial action by the British Medical Association on:

- A) March 13-15 2023
and
B) April 11-15 2023

Please provide as much detail as possible on the staff category (i.e. agency or bank), department of the hospital and the day(s) of employment

Response

Strike cover costs	A) March 13-15 2023	B) April 11-15 2023
Bank	£50,922	£61,940
Locum Agency	£0	£0
Non-contractual rates to Consultants	£122,375	£112,910
Total	£173,297	£174,850

The Trust receives many requests for information on agency, bank and off framework agencies, to see previous responses please go to the Freedom of Information request disclosure log on the Trust website [Disclosure log - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust \(dgft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.dgft.nhs.uk/disclosure-log) and in the search box type agency, bank or off framework.

The Trust has almost eliminated agency usage and only uses agencies in extenuating circumstances and where authorised in order to support our financial plans and our patient experience. We have recruited significant numbers of additional staff and are making progress with reducing nursing vacancies.

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
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust