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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the NHS Trust's use of the Education and Training Tariff, specifically for postgraduate doctors in training, and request the annual self-assessments. Please could you provide the following:

1. Annual Education and Training Self-Assessments

A copy of the NHS Trust's annual education and training self-assessment report. Can you please provide the latest report submitted. The reports are mandatory according to the [NHS Education Funding Agreement](#) Schedule 3

**- For a copy of the document please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net)**

2. Total amount of Education and Training Tariff funding received by the Trust for postgraduate medical education over the financial year relating to the last Education and Training Self-Assessment report.

**- Post grad tariff funding received in 24/25 equated to £9,817,690**

3. Breakdown of Education and Training Tariff for Postgraduate Doctors

A detailed and itemised breakdown of how the Education and Training Tariff allocated for postgraduate doctors in training has been spent over the same financial period relating to the latest Annual Education and Training self-assessment submitted. Specifically, I would like to know a breakdown of all expenditures covered by this tariff including but not limited to:

Teaching staff salaries (including number of staff employed)

Administrative staff salaries (including number of staff employed)

Any contribution of tariff towards Consultants programmed activities (PAs) to educational roles

Facilities provided specifically for medical education and training (e.g. libraries, study areas)

Pastoral support and well-being services for trainees

Any contributions towards trainee study leave, clinical exams, and related support activities.

**- Expenditure is not captured in the manner described and therefore cannot be reported in a meaningful way. It would require a significant amount of work to unravel (probably at least 1 week) and would include some level of arbitrary estimation. The funding covers 50% of the salary costs of the training doctors alongside the costs of teaching staff, admin staff, training facilities/rooms, library, simulation unit, educational supervisors, pastoral support etc**

4. Does the trust have any mechanisms in place to review if the Education and Training Tariff is providing appropriate educational value to Postgraduate Doctors and what are those mechanisms?

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**Yes, the Trust has mechanisms in place to review whether the Education and Training Tariff is providing appropriate educational value for postgraduate doctors. This is overseen through the Trust's Medical Education governance structures, including the Postgraduate Medical Education Committee (DME Meeting), which meets monthly and has representation from the DME, resident doctors, educators and managers.**

**Feedback is gathered through several formal mechanisms:**

- **National Training Survey (GMC NTS) and National Education and Training Survey (NETS), which provide benchmarked trainee perspectives on the quality of education.**
- **Local surveys and feedback forums with resident doctors, escalated through Specialty Tutors, College Tutors and the Director of Medical Education.**
- **Quality assurance processes, including internal QA visits to specialties, ARCP outcomes and external quality reviews led by NHS England.**
- **Financial monitoring to ensure alignment with educational priorities and service needs.**

**The findings are regularly reviewed at PGMEC and reported to the Trust Board via the People Committee, ensuring both educational value and accountability for use of tariff funding**

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

Yours sincerely

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The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**