

Date: Wednesday, 29th January 2020
Our Ref: MB/SS FOI 4184

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563037

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4184

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th January 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. What is the total number of staff working at the Trust, or for the Trust via an affiliated agency such as the staff bank, that are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge? Please provide figures for each year from 2014 through 2019 inclusive.

a. If you do not hold these figures please provide the total number of staff working in the Trust who have a work visa.

1. I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold information on the total number of staff working at the Trust, or for the Trust via an affiliated agency such as the staff bank, that are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge.

Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

1.a The number of staff with work visas are as below:

2019 - 17
2018 - 7
2017 - 2
2016 - 2
2015 - 1
2014 - 3

2. What is the total number of staff that the Trust has recruited, or recruited via an affiliated agency, from overseas per year for the years 2014 through 2019 inclusive? (Through active overseas recruitment processes)

None.

3. Does the Trust pay the Immigration Health Surcharge for any staff?

. If yes, does the Trust have a policy about when and how it does this?

- a. How many members of staff has the Trust paid the Immigration Health Surcharge for? Please provide the total number per year for the years 2014 through 2019 inclusive?
- b. How much has the Trust spent on paying the Immigration Health Surcharge per year for the years 2014 through 2019 inclusive?
- c. How much has the Trust allocated in its budget for spending on the Immigration Health Surcharge, please provide figures for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 if available?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has not paid the immigration health surcharge for any staff for the years 2014 through 2019.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

All information supplied by the Trust in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, Statutory Instrument 2005 No. 1515 which came into effect on 1st July 2005.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Trust will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however the Trust reserves the right, in certain circumstances, to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information can be found at www.opsi.gov.uk where a sample license terms and fees can be found with guidance on copyright and publishing notes and a Guide to Best Practice and regulated advice and case studies, at www.opsi.gov.uk/advice/psi-regulations/index.htm

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4184 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information