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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4595

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th January 2021.

Your request was as follows:

In 2019 BMA and NHS England (NHSE) reached an agreement for funds to be allocated to trusts providing they signed up to the Fatigue and Facilities Charter. Up to £60,000 was allocated to individual trusts, with spending to be determined by the Trust Junior Doctor Forums.

The BMA are now in the process of auditing how this money has been spent and are asking all Trusts who received the money to provide details of how it has been spent or is planning to be spent if there is still money remaining.

Please could you provide us with the information below

1. Funding:

a. Total Funds Given to Trust

b. Total Funds Spent so far

c. Total Funds Unspent so far

d. Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items

a. £30,000

b. £0

c. £30,000

d. £30,000

2. What was your process for allocation of funds?

- a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?
- b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?
- c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?
- d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?

2.a. Yes.

2.b. Yes.

2.c. Yes.

2.d. This was a collaborative decision - the Director of Medical Education has led the review, alongside junior doctor representatives and the Estates Department. Recommendations were taken to the Local Negotiating Committee and a bid (approved) for additional funding to ensure full renovations can be carried out was made to the Charity Committee.

3. If you have spent all the funding, when was this achieved (month and year if possible)?

N/A

4. What are the plans for any unused funding at the end of this financial year?

- a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?

- b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?

4. Funding will be used to contribute towards Junior Doctor accommodation renovations

4.a. We are unable to answer as renovations have been delayed due to COVID.

4.b. Estates.

5. Were there barriers to spending/allocating the money?

Trust contributing towards total cost so appropriate sign off must take place first.

6. Please provide a breakdown on what items/areas the money has been spent/allocated on so far.

N/A

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

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Yours sincerely

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