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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5452

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5452

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd November 2022.

Your request was as follows:

I am writing regarding funding provided by the government in 2019-20, distributed to your Trust via Health Education England (HEE), to improve rest facilities for junior doctors in line with the BMA Fatigue and Facilities Charter.

I understand from HEE that your Trust was provided with of this funding.

1. Please detail how this money was spent on improving rest facilities for junior doctors.

The Trust received £30k from NHS England, as opposed to Higher Education England.

Junior doctor's facilities were to be upgraded, with the initial £30k being the catalyst. Upon investigation and initial designs, what was required was much more than this, therefore, NHS Charities contributed a further £50k. This (now) £80k was match funded via Trust capital monies to provide an overall pot of circa £160k. This money was then expended to strip out and expand the older accommodation, containing 3 No. overnight bedrooms, producing a newer, modern environment, with 5 No. overnight bedrooms.

2. Please provide me with any documentation that the Trust holds (e.g. board papers, business plans, emails) that documents the allocation of this funding and the justification for its use.

Please see attached.

3. Please provide me with any documentation that the trust holds (e.g. board papers, business plans, emails) that documents how the Director of Medical Education and Junior Doctors' Forum in your Trust determined, signed off and monitored the allocation of this funding.

All undertaken via attached business case approval process to which, everyone was party.

4. If your answers to questions 1-3 above do not account for the full amount of the funding in question, with which your Trust was provided, please detail what happened to the remainder.

N/A

Please see our response above in blue.

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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 5452 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

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