

Date: Wednesday, 08th November 2023
Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 5981

Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool L9 7BB
Tel: 01515253611
Fax: 01515295500
Direct Line: 01515563038

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5981

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th October 2023.

Your request was as follows:

My request is as follows:

Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.

[Please see the attached Excel Spreadsheet.](#)

Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:

1. Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)
 - a. Planned surplus/deficit
 - b. Planned expenditure
2. Workforce expenditure
 - a. Planned agency/locum spend
 - b. Planned bank spend
 - c. Planned total staff expenditure
3. Efficiency savings
 - a. Planned efficiency savings

[Please see the attached Excel Spreadsheet.](#)

Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

1. Trust financial position
 - a. Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12
 - b. Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
2. Workforce expenditure

- a. Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12
- b. Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12
- c. Actual spend relating to industrial action, and forecast outturn for M12
- d. Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
- 3. Efficiency savings
 - a. Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12
- 4. Prescribing costs
 - a. Actual spend relating to prescribing, and forecast outturn for M12

[Please see the attached Excel Spreadsheet.](#)

My request is as follows:

Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.

Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:

- 1. Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)
 - a. Planned surplus/deficit
 - b. Planned expenditure
- 2. Workforce expenditure
 - a. Planned agency/locum spend
 - b. Planned bank spend
 - c. Planned total staff expenditure
- 3. Efficiency savings
 - a. Planned efficiency savings

Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

1. Trust financial position
 - a. Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12
 - b. Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
2. Workforce expenditure
 - a. Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12
 - b. Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12
 - c. Actual spend relating to industrial action, and forecast outturn for M12
 - d. Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12
3. Efficiency savings
 - a. Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12
4. Prescribing costs
 - a. Actual spend relating to prescribing, and forecast outturn for M12

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 5981 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information