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Our Ref: MB/SH FOI 6215

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6215

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 08th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

For the last 3 tax year's (23/22, 22/21, 21/20) please provide the total cost of:

1. Total number of staff hired with responsibility for freedom of information requests, (full time equivalent) .

I can confirm for the years requested, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust employed 1 x WTE FOI Officer with the responsibility for freedom of information requests.

2. Total salary costs for staff with responsibility for freedom of information requests.

21/20 - £21,892.00

22/21 - £22,549.00

22/23 - £23,949.00

3. Total for all other costs associated with handling freedom of information requests.

N/A - all requests are handled through an in house developed system and released electronically.

4. Total number of freedom of information requests received, and total number responded with the requested information.

21/20 - 370 requests received, 361 responded to (2 requests withdrawn before completion, 7 requests did not reply to a clarification request sent by the Trust)

22/21 - 451 requests received, 434 responded to (17 requests did not reply to a clarification request sent by the Trust)

23/22 - 542 requests received, 530 responded to (4 requests withdrawn before completion, 6 requests did not reply to a clarification request sent by the Trust)

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

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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 6215 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

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