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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Provide me with the following information; for the previous FY and the current FY to date.**

**Payroll questions as follows:**

**1. Current number of staff 2019/20 & 2020/21**

Headcount of substantive staff at 31/3/2020	7442
Headcount of substantive staff at 31/3/2021	7725

**2. Number of CHAPS Payments (Payroll Recoveries)**

Payments made 2020/21	376
Payments made 2021/22	59

**a. Please confirm that you use the Oracle / ESR software to manage your payroll Y/N**

Yes.

**i. If the answer is Y is this managed in house or by an external provider? In House / External**

In House.

**ii. If an external provider is used please confirm the company that provides the payroll service.**

Not applicable.

**iii. If ESR is not used what Payroll software is used and who manages it.**

Not applicable.

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**3. The current contract start date and end date for the provider in question**

We do not hold this information, this is a national contract managed by Department of Health for all users of ESR.

**4. The total value of the current contract**

We do not hold this information, please see question 3 above.

**5. Do you currently send out payslips or are they available online in an employee self-service platform**

Electronic payslips only.

**Occupational Health questions:**

**1. Please confirm who your current Occupational Health provider is.**

In House Service.

**2. The current contract start date and end date for the provider in question**

Not Applicable.

**3. The total value of the current contract**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice commercial interests of third parties. This is because release of the information could be detrimental to their competitive position in the market.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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