

FOI REF: 23/090

28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## 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:

1. **How much money was spent on external consultancy services to help improve hospital processes and efficiency for the tax years 2012 to 2022?**

2014/2015	£2,350,508.26
2015/2016	£1,159,720.04
2016/2017	£992,619.96
2017/2018	£592,277.12
2018/2019	£1,102,563.19
2019/2020	£349,318.32
2020/2021	£63,292.82
2021/2022	£36,532.65

Please note we do not hold data pre 2014.

2. **Has your organisation directly employed during the period of 2012 to 2022 data analysts and or statisticians (not through consultancy services nor through academic access)?**

Statisticians: No

Data analysts: Yes

3. **If yes, to question 2, did they facilitate non-research hospital governance and improvement activity and/or data analytics for the NHS?**

Yes.

4. **Does your hospital currently have an improvement/development team?**

No.

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**5. Which group of employees carries out the majority of governance and improvement projects? a) doctors, b) nurses, c) doctors and nurses, d) a specific team.**

b) nurses.

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

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Yours sincerely

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