

FOI REF: 22/287

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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:

- 1. Please let me know how much the hospital refunded in fares to patients who came here for treatment and are on welfare benefits to claim fares to visit the hospital for treatment for years 2020-21.**

The Trust have previously responded to you in response to an earlier Freedom of Information request made in January 2022, FOI 22/006. Under Section 14(2) of the Act, a public authority does not have to comply with a request which is identical, or substantially similar to a previous request submitted by the same individual. We will not respond to any further requests for this information from you.

- 2. Send me accounts copies of this hospital for years 2020-21**

Section 14(2) applied, please refer to our letter dated 20th May 2022.

- 3. Fees of auditors to do accounts and names of Auditors please.**

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- 4. How much money hospital made in car park fees for years 2020-21.**

£263,000

- 5. How much money the hospital got in rents from shops and restaurants here for year 2020-21 please.**

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6. Send me names of facial plastic surgeons and their fees.

Mr Pickford £150 for first consultation fee

7. Names of lower back pain Surgeons and their out patients fees.

Mr Selmon £255 for first consultation fee

Mr Ganesan £255 for first consultation fee

8. Fees of hospital for MRI Scan or lower back spine areas with use of contractor.

Lumbar spine MRI with contrast £468.

9. Names of Consultant Neurologists who can treat headache problems and their out patient fees and MRI scans of brain please.

Dr Chowdhury £379 MRI head.

10. Send me names of Consultant Rheumatologist here and their fees.

Dr Poole £210 for first consultation fee

Dr Andrew Pool £250 for first consultation fee, £175 for a follow-up.

Dr Sam Panthakalam £250 for first consultation fee, £175 for a follow-up.

11. How much money hospital paid for work permits for foreign doctors working here for years 2020-21.

£52,776.

12. Let me know how much is costs of transport for patients to provide ambulance transport for patients for years 2020-21.

£934,000

13. Send me total bills for:

Gas 1,438,117

Electricity 1,463,923

Water/Sewage £540,069

Insurance for Buildings We do not hold this information broken down to this level as this is covered through NHS Resolution.

Medical Negligence We do not hold this information broken down to this level as this is covered through NHS Resolution.

Postage £487,232

Phone £242,546

Stationery £140,783

Costs to buy computers and photocopiers (Laptop & desktop units £607,745.92) and photocopiers. (Photocopiers are covered by a managed print service contract)

For years 2021-22

- 14. Does this hospital have PFI Contracts with a firm, if so send names of firms and how much hospital paid them for PFI Contracts for years 2020-21 and how long is contract for PFI, 30 year period.**

No.

- 15. Let me know if the hospital buy medicines from India and China please and USA and Canada.**

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- 16. Please let me know if the hospital uses generic medicines for in-patients then branded medicines to save on costs of medicines there.**

The Trust endeavour to use the most cost-effective medications based on efficacy and Nice Guidance, whilst complying with NHS contracts which dictate which generics and/or brands should be bought and used. This can vary depending on supply availability, but best price is one of the main factors taken into account in medication choice

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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