

FOI REF: 23/183

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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:

Payment of NHS Trust Suppliers

For the period between June 2022 and January 2023, please provide the statistics as follows:

- **The average number of days taken to make payments to suppliers, measured from the date of receipt of invoice or other notice to the date the cash is received by the supplier**
- **The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer**
- **The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period**

Please see the table below for the information requested above, which has been split between NHS and Trade, and by number of invoices and value of invoices.

Please note that we do not record details of payments made after 30 days by term (i.e. 31-60, 61 or longer).

Average number of days to pay an invoice NHS	4.25 days
Average number of days to pay an invoice Trade	15.07 days
% of invoices paid within 30 days (number)NHS	98.75%
% of invoices paid after 30 days (number)NHS	1.25%
% of invoices paid over 30 days (number)Trade	85.51%
% of invoices paid after 30 days (number)Trade	14.49%
% of invoices paid within 30 days (value)NHS	99.92%
% of invoices paid after 30 days (value)NHS	0.08%
% of invoices paid within 30 days (value)Trade	95.29%
% of invoices paid after 30 days (value)Trade	4.71%

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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