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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. a) **The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years**

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| i) 2023-24 | £128,6140.50 |
| ii) 2022-23 | £922,130.84 |
| iii) 2021-22 | £104,0427.03 |

- b) **The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the department of each consultant, and how many sessions and hours they worked, for the 2023-24 financial year.**

2023-2024

| Highest total | Department | Sessions | Hours |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| £104,405 | Urology EDGH | Over 100 dates | FOIA Section 40 (2) exemption |
| £99,740 | Ophthalmology EDGH | Over 93 dates | FOIA Section 40 (2) exemption |
| £64,290 | ENT Conquest | Over 115 dates | FOIA Section 40 (2) exemption |
| £57,000 | ENT EDGH | Over 107 dates | FOIA Section 40 (2) exemption |
| £55,850 | Ophthalmology EDGH | Over 70 dates | FOIA Section 40 (2) exemption |

Under FOIA Section 1 (10) (a) ESHT can confirm that we do hold this information, – Personal Information of third parties. but it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 This is because this information would disclose the nature of individual staff members contracts and disclosure would therefore breach the principles of the Data Protection Act.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

- c) **The maximum hourly rate or session rate for such payments for the 2023-24 financial year (if providing by session please state length of session (in hours)).**

Consultants in 2023-2024 were paid £400 per session for a weekday session and £500 for a weekend, a session is 4 hours.

2. **During junior doctor strike days since March 2023 and up to and including the one in late June / early July 2024 please provide the five highest hourly rates paid to consultants to provide cover, stating their normal department and what department they provide cover in, and the date of payment and how long their shift was for**

| Highest hourly | Normal Department | Cover Department | Date | Shift length |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| £215 | Cardiology | Medicine on-call | 24/2/24 | 14 |
| £206.67 | Urology | Urology | 11/4/23 | 15 |
| £206.67 | Urology | Urology | 28/6/24 | 15 |
| £206.67 | Anaesthetics | Anaesthetics | 28/6/24 | 15 |
| £202.90 | Anaesthetics | Anaesthetics | 13/8/23 | 15.5 |

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

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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
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Yours sincerely

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