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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **How much did your organisation spend on management consultants in the most recent financial year 2024-25 and if available 2025-26?**

2024/25	£303,335
2025/26	£593,726

- 2) **How much did your organisation spend on management consultants in each of the four categories below in the most recent financial year 2024-25 and if available 2025-26?**

- a) **Strategy and transformation\* – encompassing long-term direction-setting, service reconfiguration, operational and programme/project management.**

2024/25	£0
2025/26	£517,932

- b) **Digital and technology\* – IT strategy, system implementations (such as EPRs), data analytics, and cyber security.**

2024/25	£206,864
2025/26	£4,397

- c) **Finance and efficiency – covering cost improvement, financial recovery, procurement, supply chain, and productivity analysis.**

2024/25	£91,670
2025/26	£46,396

- d) **People and organisation – workforce planning, leadership and culture, HR redesign, governance, and regulatory compliance.**

2024/25	£4,800
2025/26	£25,000

**3) How much did your organisations spend on interim digital staffing in the most recent financial year 2024-25 and if available 2025-26?**

2024/25	£0
2025/26	£52,800

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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