

ND ref. **FOI/16/013**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 07/04/16 request for the following information:

This request concerns the payment of waiting list initiative payments by English acute trusts, Scottish and Welsh NHS boards and Northern Irish health and social care trusts.

Please provide:

1. *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:*
 - i) 2013-14
 - ii) 2014-15
 - iii) 2015-16

Answer: To collate this information would require our staff manually reviewing individual claim forms.

To undertake this would take in excess of the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (section 12 (1)) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information. I regret to inform you that we shall not process your request to the above question further.

2. *The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the name and job title of each consultant, and how many hours they worked, for the following financial years:*
 - i) 2013-14
 - ii) 2014-15
 - iii) 2015-16

Answer: Please see answer to question1 above.

3. *The maximum hourly rate and the minimum hourly rate for such payments for each of following financial years:*
 - i) 2013-14
 - ii) 2014-15
 - iii) 2015-16

Answer: Please see answer to question1 above.

4.
 - a) *The number of individual consultants (headcount) who received such payments; and*

Answer: Please see answer to question1 above.

- b) *The total number of consultants (headcount) working in your trust;*
at the end of each of the following financial years
 - i) 2013-14
 - ii) 2014-15
 - iii) 2015-16

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Consultants (headcount)
2013-14	110
2014-15	108
2015-16	105

5. *The amount paid to private sector providers to carry out routine procedures and the number of procedures carried out for each of the following financial years:*

i) 2013-14

ii) 2014-15

iii) 2015-16

Answer: No procedures were carried out by, or payments made to, private sector providers.