

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 27 July 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision. If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Request:

I am submitting a request for information held by the trust under the Freedom of Information Act.

This is request is for the following information based on the financial years:

2017-2018

2018-2019

2019-2020.

Question 1. For each year, how many staff employed by your trust were overpaid in error?

Answer: Please see the table below:

	Number of Overpayments
2017/2018	200
2018/2019	207
2019/2020	207

Question 2. For each year, how much in total were staff overpaid?

Answer: Please see the table below:

	Overpayment Value
2017/2018	£435,722
2018/2019	£522,153
2019/2020	£459,908

Question 3. For each year, how much has been recouped? How much has been written off?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to establish how much was recouped, staff would need to look into each individual overpayment as this is not recorded separately.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

Please see table below regarding how much has been written off per financial year.

	Write Off Amount
2017/2018	£4,697
2018/2019	£11,156
2019/2020	£18,769

Question 4. What was the largest over-payment each year and how much was that for?

Answer: Please see the table below:

	Largest Overpayment
2017/2018	£31,357
2018/2019	£55,571
2019/2020	£21,647