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I am responding to your request for information received 26 January 2021. I am sincerely 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

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**Request:**

**In 2019 BMA and NHS England (NHSE) reached an agreement for funds to be allocated to trusts providing they signed up to the Fatigue and Facilities Charter. Up to £60,000 was allocated to individual trusts, with spending to be determined by the Trust Junior Doctor Forums. The BMA are now in the process of auditing how this money has been spent and are asking all Trusts who received the money to provide details of how it has been spent or is planning to be spent if there is still money remaining. Please could you provide us with the information below**

**Question 1. Funding Total Funds Given to Trust Total Funds Spent so far Total Funds Unspent so far Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items**

Answer: Funds Given to Trust Total = £30,000  
Funds Spent so far = £16,362.16  
Total Funds Unspent so far = £13,637.84  
Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items = £13,637.84

**Question 2. What was your process for allocation of funds?  
a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?**

Answer: Yes

**b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?**

Answer: No

**c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?**

Answer: Yes

**d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?**

Answer: Trainees have final say in liaison with Clinical Directors.

**Question 3. If you have spent all the funding, when was this achieved (month and year if possible)?**

Answer: N/A

**Question 4. What are the plans for any unused funding at the end of this financial year?**

**a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?**

Answer: We were able to carry over unused funds from 19/20 to 20/21 financial year. We now have until March 2021 to spend.

**b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?**

Answer: Medical Education Budget

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**Question 5. Were there barriers to spending/allocating the money?**

Answer: Barriers included discussion over a period of time over what trainees wanted. COVID 19 also caused delays.

**Question 6. Please provide a breakdown on what items/areas the money has been spent/allocated on so far**

Answer: Please see attached spreadsheet.

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