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Our reference: FOI DA3697

I am responding to your request for information received 7 February 2021. 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:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the following:

Question 1. The spending per financial year on translation services (written) and interpreting services (oral) for your organisation over each of the following 5 financial years:

2015/2016

2016/2017

2017/2018,

2018/2019

2019/2020, as well as the languages involved.

Please do not include data regarding the spending on services for the deaf and blind (such as sign language interpreting or Braille).

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/FOI/ANON%20Response%20-%20FOI%20DA3519%20%282%29.pdf>

Question 2. The total budget for your organisation for each of the 5 financial years the information above is provided on, for all expenses not just for translation and interpreting services, i.e. to include all expenses such as salaries, utilities, equipment, consumables etc., with only the total figure given, no breakdown necessary. For example, I assume the total budget would be a few dozen or hundred million pounds per financial year. This is so that I can calculate the translation and interpreting spending as a percentage of the organisation's total budget (which I suspect would be around or under 0.1%).

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