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I am responding to your request for information received 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019. 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,

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**Request:**

I would like to request the finance costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with the EU exit operational readiness guidance issued on 21 December 2018 by the Department of Health and Social Care.

This guidance asks NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups to: “Record costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with this guidance. Costs with a direct financial impact should be recorded separately to opportunity costs.” The guidance can be accessed here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf)

Please can this information:

**Question 1.** Be provided from 22nd December 2018 to the date of this FOI 26 September 2019

**Question 2.** Split the costs into:

**a) direct financial impact and**

**b) opportunity costs**

**Answer:** The Trust has not recorded any additional direct cost in relation to this purpose for the period in question.

The Trust identified existing staff who were tasked with ensuring that the Trust has appropriate plans in place should the UK leave the EU. The time required to do this has been estimated, and the ‘opportunity cost’ of this time has been duly estimated. This has been estimated to be £107,000 over the period requested in this FOI (22nd December 2018 to 26th September 2019).