

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding staffing levels of physiotherapists (PTs) & occupational therapists (OTs) within your trust.

I have attached an excel spreadsheet with the specific information I am looking for. If you could fill this in with the required information that would be most helpful.

If you could please provide the following information for financial years FY2016/17, FY2017/18, FY2018/19, FY2019/20, FY2020/21, current financial year to date (FY2021/22 YTD)

Our reply:

The Trust is refusing your request in compliance with section 12(4)(b). The Trust has received a group of requests for which the applicants appear to be acting in concert and you have been assessed to be part of that group.

The group has received data to the appropriate limit (18 hours) and we are not required to gather further information. We can confirm that we do not record percentages or average number of vacancies. Other data sets have not been processed, nor have you been contacted about narrowing this request because appropriate limit is maximised.

In the future your group may find spreading your requests into smaller manageable amounts across the year would avoid the limit being applied. This is particularly important with the current pressures facing the NHS.

The Trust is happy to consider further requests after 60 working days have lapsed.

We would draw your attention to the internal review process and are happy to talk to you if required.

Legal notes

The guidance states:

4) The Minister for the Cabinet Office may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—

(a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign,

the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

Attachments included: No