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You asked

Over the years, the NHS has been sending staff to external conferences/workshops run by Capita, Insidergov and many others. Many of these day courses cost from £299 to £599 for a day attendance. Many of these conferences speakers are from the NHS (I myself have spoken on a number of them)

Under the Freedom of Information Act. For the last financial year 2015/16

- 1 How much was spent on external conferences/workshops for all your NHS staff? (total figure)
- 2 Name of conference/workshop provider
- 3 Job title of staff attending (Dr, Nurse, Manager etc)

Please note I do not require cost for training courses, MBA, Masters, specialised clinical training.

Our reply

The Trust does not hold specific information on external conferences and workshops for its staff in a form that may be extracted within the time available under the Act. Please see legal notes below.

The Trust does have a record of expenditure on 'Conferences and Seminars', which totalled £39,474 in 2015/16.

The Trust does not hold information on the names of conference and workshop providers nor on the Job title of staff attending in a form that may be extracted within the time available under the Act.

The Trust is able to confirm that no costs were incurred for conferences and workshops with either Capita or Insidergov.

Legal notes

The Trust could not locate, extract and collate the information requested within the limitations of the Act (18 hours). We therefore consider it exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.-(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.