

Request title: Staffing and resourcing

Date of Response: 23rd September 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

Questions 1 -3 are in relation to the cost of the spend of employment and not simply the recruitment costs. Questions 4-8 are in relation to the costs etc of going from paper to electronic patient records (as directed to go paperless by 2018).

1. How much money was spent by the Trust on employing nursing staff from agency (nursing staff, including health care assistants, nursing auxiliaries, nursing assistants etc) from 01 January 2015 to 30 June 2015?
£4.675m.
2. How much money was spent by the Trust on employing IT staff from agencies from 01 January 2015 to 30 June 2015?
£357k.
3. How much money was spent by the Trust on employing IT consultants from 01 January 2015 to 30 June 2015?
£3,905.
4. Who is the provider of your chosen Electronic Health Record system?
The Trust has not yet signed a contract with an Electronic Patient Record supplier.
5. How much has the Electronic Health Record system cost your organisation?
As such the Trust hasn't committed spend to an external supplier so the answer to question 5 is £0
6. What is your budget for implementation of your Electronic Health Record system?
The Trust does not have a budget allocated for implementation, this will be based on contract negotiations as and when we reach this stage with the supplier.
7. How much money have you spent on the implementation of your Electronic Health Record system up to 30 June 2015?
Please see the response to question 5.
8. When is implementation of your Electronic Health Record system due to be complete?
The target for Electronic Patient Record implementation is scheduled for Spring/Summer 2018. However this is dependent upon the contract with a supplier being signed within the planned timescales.

Please note: The figures provided would include consultancy and legal fees as the Trust does not record these separately.

The reason for the current IT agency spend was due to an IT management review which resulted in a freeze on the appointment of substantive contracts.