

Request title: Conferences

Date of Response: 08th December 2016

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

Request

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)

Reply

The Trust is unable to provide the data that you have requested in relation to conferences and workshops as it only maintains mandatory training records on its Electronic Staff Record. Any records of attendances to these types of course are held in individual staff members personal files and therefore to obtain this information the personal files in excess of 6,000 staff would need to be manually checked and reviewed. To undertake this piece of work would take in excess of the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information (see section 12(1)).