Our Ref: FOI 2016-187

Dear Requester

Thank you for your information request received by us on 07/04/2016

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust merged with West Middlesex University Hospital in September 2015, for this reason our response covers both sites.

Our response:

This request concerns the payment of waiting list initiative payments by English acute trusts, Scottish and Welsh NHS boards and Northern Irish health and social care trusts. Please provide:

1. The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years:

2. The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the name and job title of each consultant, and how many hours they worked, for the following financial years:

3. The maximum hourly rate and the minimum hourly rate for such payments for each of following financial years:

   i) 2013-14   ii) 2014-15   iii) 2015-16

4. a) The number of individual consultants (headcount) who received such payments; and

    b) The total number of consultants (headcount) working in your trust; at the end of each of the following financial years
We are unable to answer questions 1 -4 as the information regarding waiting list initiatives is not stored centrally or separately. We would need to disaggregate true Waiting List Initiative work from additional sessions for spend on identified gaps. This work would take unreasonable effort and exceed the FOI cost limits by some way and we therefore apply a section 12 exemption.

5. The amount paid to private sector providers to carry out routine procedures and the number of procedures carried out for each of the following financial years:

   i) 2013-14 - nil
   ii) 2014-15 - nil
   iii) 2015-16 - £23k (First Patient Attendances: 98, Enhanced Attendance: 94, Procedures: 12)

Please be advised that this covers our Chelsea and Westminster site only as our West Middlesex site have confirmed they do not hold this information centrally and it would take over 18 hours to compile for this reason we will be applying a Section 12 exception.

If you are not satisfied with this response

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      The Chief Executive
      Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
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      1B Hollywood Road
      London
      SW10 9HS

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