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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the Trust's expenditure on competition requirements.

The Trust can provide the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request that you please provide me with details of your Trust's expenditure on competition requirements (or a reasonable estimate), including associated staffing costs (related to competition requirements) and the cost of external advice and support.

In 2013/14 the Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust responded reactively to bids and when bids were made we did not log the costs specifically. In 2014/15 we have established formal processes to bid for tenders. At present, these do not include the direct attribution of staffing costs or the logging of the cost of external advice and support. We do not therefore have this information based on the records available.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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