

5th October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent follow-up Freedom of Information request regarding Medical Consultants working at Homerton Hospital Trust.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1) How many consultants working across your Trust currently opt out of working weekend shifts? There are no opts out for weekend shift as Homerton Hospital Trust has a 7 day rotas for general surgery, general medicine, anaesthetics, and obstetrics and gynaecology and the emergency department.

2) How much money has the Trust paid in overtime to Consultants working a weekend shift over the following financial years?

a) 2013

b) 2014

c) 2015

From the assessment we carried out, we have estimated that it will cost more than the 'appropriate limit' to consider your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for public sector organisations is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

What we can say is that if the need arises for consultants to work weekend overtime this is usually due to the fact that the trust is nearing a breach in relation to referral to treatment waiting times. We are currently working on defining reports relating to weekend working and hope to be in a position to routinely provide this kind of information from the beginning of January 2016.

3) What is the highest amount the Trust has paid in overtime to one Consultant for weekend work on one shift in the last financial year? £1400 for one day (£700 per session)

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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