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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2505

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the impact the recent strikes that took place between January and April 2016.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. In total how many

a) Operations and procedures: 131

b) Outpatient appointments did the Trust postpone as a result of the action? 1,425

2. How many of the

a) Operations and procedures

b) Outpatient appointments did the Trust rearrange and carry out within one month of the postponement? 1,400

With regards to the above questions no patients were cancelled or postponed on the day of the strike - patients were rescheduled several days before the strike.

3. How much did your Trust spend on extra agency/locum staff to cover absent junior doctors

a) On the eight strike days

b) At a later date to run 'catch-up' clinics related to the strike?

(NB: this is about strike cover, so please don't include agency/locum staff filling long-term vacancies)

With the regards the above two questions, clinics/procedures were rescheduled and therefore the Trust did not spend any money on extra agency/locum staff for cover.

4. How much did your Trust spend on overtime payments to nursing or medical staff to cover absent junior doctors?

a) On the eight strike days

b) At a later date to run 'catch-up' clinics related to the strike?

The Trust did not backfill doctors striking with bank/agency staff on the strike days.

(NB: this is about strike cover, so please don't include agency/locum staff filling long-term vacancies)

5. How many 'days of in lieu' were accrued by staff working extra shifts?

a) On the eight strike days

b) At a later date to run 'catch-up' clinics related to the strike?

The Trust does not routinely collect this information in a reportable format and deemed it will take longer than 18 hours to provide you with this data and therefore the Trust has applied an exemption on the grounds of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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6. What was the total of other costs (e.g. admin relating to the strike) not included in 3. and 4. above?

The Trust did not spend any money on extra other cost in relation to questions 3 and 4 but management and administration time was devoted to cancelling and rescheduling patients that otherwise would not have been required.

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