



FOI 2319

Date 28/07/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

I am interested in understanding the spending of NHS Trusts on management consulting services in the past five years.

For the purpose of clarity, 'management consulting services' are defined as any external advisory services provided to support decision making and strategic planning, change management, operational efficiency, and other related areas.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

- Total expenditure on management consulting services for each year within the past five years within your trust.**
- The names of the consulting firms that were contracted, if this does not breach any privacy or contractual clauses.**
- The specific areas or projects for which these consulting services were employed.**

Answer:

Year	Capital	Revenue	Total
2018/19	1,233,239	552,079	1,785,318
2019/20	3,836,320	1,235,269	5,071,589
2020/21	7,804,319	2,487,931	10,292,250
2021/22	18,933,745	1,928,052	20,861,797
2022/23	12,635,232	1,849,267	14,484,498
	44,442,855	8,052,597	52,495,453

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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