



## FOI 2174

Date 25/05/2023

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:

1. How much did the trust spend (£) in total on paying for consultants to carry out non-contractual shifts, or paying for consultants to act down during contractual shifts, required to cover junior doctors' during the seven days of industrial action by junior doctors taken between 13 to 16 March, and 11 to 14 April 2023? Please provide a £ figure for the total. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.

Period	Group taking action:	Groups covering:	Estimated cost of direct cover or locum cover for TOIL taken £k
March 2023	Junior Docs	Consultants	907

2. Did the trust pay the hourly rates outlined on the BMA rate card for consultants' non-contractual work, during either of the junior doctors' strikes in March or April? Please answer Yes or No. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.

No

3. If the trust answered "No" to question 2, what was the maximum hourly rate (£/hour) the trust paid for non-contractual shifts, or for consultants to act down during contractual shifts required to cover junior doctors' shifts during either the March or April junior doctors' strike? If you answered "yes" to question 2, please leave this answer blank. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.

Core - £110, Unsocial - £120

Any who covered nights also received the standard NWD 8 hours pay

4. Did the trust pay the hourly rates outlined on the BMA rate card for consultants' non-contractual shifts as of April 2023? Please answer Yes or No. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.

No

5. If the trust answered "No" to question 4, what is the maximum hourly rate (£/hour) the trust paid consultants for non-contractual shifts as of April 2023? If the trust answered "yes" to question 4, please leave this answer blank. Please use the free text box if the trust wants to further explanation its answer.

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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