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Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
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27/10/2020

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request for Bedford Hospital Only FOI 74

Response from Luton and Dunstable University Hospital

For the financial years ending April 2019 and April 2020 please can you provide the following information:

The total amount spent in each of those years [exc. VAT] (presented as separate information, not disclosed as a total for both years) by your NHS Trust on fees for the recruitment of doctors on fixed-term and permanent contracts (not locum/hourly doctors).

These are fees paid to recruitment agencies, recruitment businesses and associated service providers and are commonly referred to as 'finder's fees'.

We are unable to analyse recruitment spend in this way.

Response from Bedford Hospital

For the financial years ending April 2019 and April 2020 please can you provide the following information:

The total amount spent in each of those years [exc. VAT] (presented as separate information, not disclosed as a total for both years) by your NHS Trust on fees for the recruitment of doctors on fixed-term and permanent contracts (not locum/hourly doctors).

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18/19 £172,533.92

19/20 £82,925.00

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www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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