

28<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Shauna Corr**  
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*Our ref.: FOI/20/022*

**Dear Ms Corr**

**RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Awards**

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

You requested information regarding ‘awards’ applied for / received for the period from 2014-15 until 2018-19; to include total cost of applying to award/ name & total number awards applied for/ name & total awards won/ total cost of attending awards ceremonies for Trust. Please see below a Trust response to your request.

**Your request**

1. Can you tell me how much you spent each year financial year for the past five on applications for awards please?
2. Can you provide, in a table, the number and names of the awards you applied for each year - and also the number and name of the awards won in each year?
3. Can you also tell me the total cost of attending the awards ceremony for the Trust, including tickets, expenses on the night, hotel and travel expenses and the number who attended from the Trust?

**Trust Response**

Unfortunately the Trust is unable to provide the requested information as it is not collated or held centrally and the work required to gather it would exceed FOI limits.

Our Finance Directorate have advised that they do not capture or hold information centrally on the costs associated with applying for and attending awards ceremonies. Such costs would be included in the general expenses and some would be met through gift and endowment charitable funds.

We contacted each of the Trust service and support directorates who also advise that they do not hold this information centrally. To gather this would involve each of their service areas carrying out a separate manual exercise to determine whether they hold the information and to gather this before engaging with Finance to attempt to identify associated costs. Such an exercise to gather this information across the Trust would be extensive and time consuming and unfortunately would take your request outside the appropriate limit for responding. Section 12 of the FOI Act (Appropriate Limits and Fees Regulations) is therefore applied. This provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit (i.e. £450 or 18 hours at £25 per hour).

We are sorry we cannot be of assistance on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

(Not signed – issued by email)

**Freedom of Information Office  
Western Health and Social Care Trust**

*Freedom of Information: If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ ([foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.*

*If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.*

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