

JJ Evans

Via (e)mail request-522231-fed0e49e@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 11th October 2018

Our Ref No: FOI 939 18

Dear JJ Evans,

Reference – Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received by email on 27th September 2018. Your request has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have now had an opportunity to consider your request and I have set out my response below.

Request.

Your request reads, *'Under FOI I would like to know how much money it cost you to prepare and deliver your opening statement to the Infected Blood Inquiry including all legal advice, staff time and work and QC Instruction and guidance and all other expenses required to prepare and deliver your opening statement.'*

Response.

Further to discussions with staff within the relevant directorates, I can advise that no additional costs were incurred by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), or other HSC organisations, in relation to the preparation and delivery of the opening statement to the Infected Blood Inquiry. This was managed within the existing service level agreements between the Business Services Organisation (BSO) and HSC organisations.

I trust you find this response helpful, however, if you are unhappy with my response, please contact me and I will initiate an internal review into this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth Moore.

Mr Ken Moore
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