

West Midlands Ambulance Service MHS

NHS Foundation Trust

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Dear Mr Lee

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to your enquiry, which we received on 09 February 2017, you requested the following information which we have provided our response in green below each question asked for your reference:

- 1) Does West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (WMASFT) provide any complimentary refreshments for staff/management/members of the public (For example, hot drinks, biscuits, etc)?

 Yes.
- 2) In respect to point 1, if the answer is yes, please provide a comprehensive list of items that WMASFT supply to staff/management/members of the public.

This is difficult to breakdown individual items but mainly tea, coffee, sugar, milk, staff welfare packs.

For your convenience, I have listed some of the items that I am interested in. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Teabags
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Sweetener
- Milk (either fresh or UHT)
- Disposable cups & lids
- Hot chocolate
- Stirrers
- Biscuits
- 3) In respect to point 2, please provide a breakdown of the total amount that the trust has spent on these refreshments in the calendar year 2016. If individual items will be too expensive/time-consuming to calculate, I am happy to receive a grand total for the amount WMASFT has spent on all of the listed items.

Total cost £41,861 for the calendar year 2016 (relating to approximately 5000 staff). A further £6,612 relates to staff welfare packs for prolonged incidents.

We hope that this answers your request. If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

Mr A C Marsh
 Regional Headquarters
 Millennium Point
 Waterfront Way
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The Chief Executive Officer will then appoint a nominated deputy to oversee and respond to the appeal with their approval.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

 Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700 Fax: 01625 524 510

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Kumari Freedom of Information Officer