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Ref: 969

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Freedom of Information Requests: Allied Health Professionals, Residential Workers and Nursing Spend

Dear Mr. Tinker

Thank you for your requests for information. Under the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) multiple requests made by the same person, within a short space of time, may be amalgamated and treated as one request. I have dealt with your requests as one request under the terms of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

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In response to your request regarding Residential Support Workers:

Following enquiries I can confirm that the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not employ anyone in the above capacity.

In response to your requests regarding Allied Health Professionals and Nursing Spend:

In response to your request regarding Allied Health Professionals the Trust does not employ the following: Arts Therapists, Chiropodists / Podiatrists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Paramedics, Practitioner Psychologists, Prosthetist/Orthotists or Speech & Language Therapists. Furthermore, Biomedical scientists and Clinical Scientists are not classed as Allied Health Professionals.

In response to your request regarding Nursing Spend the Trust believes it will be either very difficult or not possible to separate RGN - Registered General Nurses and RSCN- Registered Sick Children's Nurses from the general category of Nurses.

With reference to the remainder of your request much of the information you have requested is not held in an easily retrievable form. In order to comply with your request the Trust believes that the required work would take in excess of the 'appropriate limit' of 18 hours as defined in section 12(1) of the FOI Act.

Section 12(1) states that:

"Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit'¹"

The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has therefore, in this instance, declined to provide the requested information.

The Trust believes it would be difficult to reduce the amount of work below the appropriate limit. Furthermore, as much of the information is not held by the Trust, we have not attempted to provide a suggested narrowed request. If you would like to narrow your request, or would like the Trust to identify what information it may be able to provide within the appropriate limit please contact me.

If we receive this confirmation from you that you would like us to suggest a narrowed request, the timescale for responding to this will commence. Please note that if I do not receive appropriate confirmation within three months from the date of this letter (i.e. by Tuesday, 20/09/2011), then I will consider your request completely closed.

If you wish to discuss the above, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

¹ Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244)