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Dear Ms PJ Ballinger

FOI Request: Staff Suspended 2006-2010

Thank you for your enquiry requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. I will address each of your questions in turn:

Request:

1. The numbers of staff suspended in years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and the grade of staff suspended. Please supply this if possible in table format.

Response:

From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states that the Trust is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it is estimated that the costs of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The Freedom of Information Act has set the appropriate limit at £450 based on a charge at £25 per hour.

Accordingly we are unable to provide the information requested. Our explanation is below:

The information sought does not exist in any electronic information system. Gathering it would require analysis of manual documentation for all staff employed by NHS Camden, NHS Enfield, NHS Islington and NHS Haringey between 2006 - 2011. Due to reorganisations and physical movement of the Trusts a significant number of the records are still stored within the Local Borough offices and for those for which we do have access, considerable resource would be required to analyse them.

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2. Could you also please supply total staff numbers for the years 2006,2007,2008,2009 and 2010 so that a calculation can be made of the percentage of staff affected each year.

Response:

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the PCTs annual reports accessible via our websites at:

www.camden.nhs.uk
www.enfield.nhs.uk
www.haringey.nhs.uk
www.islington.nhs.uk

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3. For each year please could you supply the number of working days lost due to staff suspensions.

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I hope you find this information useful, however, if you are dissatisfied with this response, the Cluster operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found at the bottom of this letter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on 020 7685 6286 or at the address shown above.

Yours sincerely

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FOI Coordinator

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