

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-086

Request:

Please provide information for the last 12 months for both questions.

1. List all costs in relation to hiring external venues for Trust events, including name of event and location and full cost, including catering etc.
2. List all hired consultancy staff/companies, costs and what they were hired to do. (Where individuals are identifiable, please put company name or redacted name)

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Please see the first sheet in the attached Excel workbook named 'External Venues'; which has been determined in so far as possible from the narrative description of the spend.

We have limited the detail to instances where the spend was over £500, due to the time taken to review each case we are unable to supply amounts below £500 as this will exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in section 12 of the FOI Act.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), states a public authority is unable to comply with your request if the cost of responding to all parts would exceed the appropriate cost limit, which for NHS bodies is £450. The £450 limit is reached by using a standard charge-out rate of £25 an hour, which equates to 18 hours' work.

2. Please see the second sheet in the attached Excel workbook named 'Consultancy'

Please note that individual names have been redacted in line with the data protection principles outlined in Section 40(2)(a) &(3A)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to personal information.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 21 FEBRUARY 2024)