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Consultant contracts for 2004-2005

Enquiry:

In early 2004, new terms and conditions for consultant contracts were introduced nationally and included various schedules, including schedules 13 and 14 which related to pay scales. The schedule 13 pay scales replicated/were identical to the pay scales that were in place for consultants prior to January 2004.

The below freedom of information requests relate to the introduction of the new terms and conditions for consultant contracts.

For the calendar year 2004 - 2005

1 – In respect of hospital consultants who were employed by the Trust on the consultant contract which was introduced in 2003, how many transferred to the new consultant contract which was introduced in January 2004.

2 – Of those Consultants that transferred to the 2004 contract, please identify the date on which they transferred and confirm:

- a) how many were transferred to Schedule 13 (M401 -M421, M430); and
- b) how many were transferred to Schedule 14 (M400).

3 – Of the Consultants who transferred to Schedule 14 (M400) of the 2004 contract, please confirm how was their experience recognised in order to be placed on the scales (please provide an explanation and relevant documents evidencing the approach taken)?

4 - Of the Consultants who transferred in 2004/05 to Schedule 14 (M400) pay scale of the New Contract, please confirm how many were transferred to each of the specific M400 points (0 – 19) e.g. 2 consultants were placed on point 5, 1 consultant was placed on point 8.

Response:

Belfast Trust was formed 1 April 2007. The information requested pre-dates this.

The information requested is not collated centrally and an extensive trawl of Trust records would be required. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.