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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, whereas schedule 14 introduced new pay scales.

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, please confirm if any of those consultants transferred to the new 2004 terms and conditions and were paid according to schedule 14 (M400).

2 - Of the consultants who transferred to Schedule 14 (M400) of the 2004 contract, were they all placed on the same pay scale and how did the Trust recognise their previous experience in order to be placed on the appropriate scales?

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.