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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 19th September 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

In response to Q7: "How much extra money did your trust pay during the junior doctors' strike days (13th, 14th, 15th March and 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th April) in total?" you responded with the figure £13,440. Sum of

£2,000
£2,940
£2,000
£1,500
£1,500
£2,000
£1,500

To ensure our reporting is accurate, please could you answer the following questions relating to your answer to Q7:

1. Can you confirm this money was specifically to cover the cost of and directly attributable to the absence of junior doctors who were on strike? **Yes, the above costs are directly linked to the absence of junior doctors who were on strike.**
2. Does this figure also take into account the wage savings of the salaries not paid to striking junior doctors? **No, these figures do not take into account the wage savings of salaries not paid to striking junior doctors. We are unable to currently calculate the exact 'savings' figure due to the majority of junior doctors being employed and paid via Lead Employers, and therefore are not on the Trust's payroll.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined

Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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