Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_124_18

You asked:

This request concerns the payment of waiting list initiative payments by English acute trusts, Scottish and Welsh NHS boards and Northern Irish health and social care trusts. Please provide:

1. The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The total cost of waiting list initiative payments (including employer contributions) was as follows:

Financial Year		Cost of Waiting List Payments	
i)	2016-17	£394,177.27	
ii)	2017-18	£122,021.94	

2. The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the name and job title of each consultant, and how many hours they worked, for the following financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The following table lists the 5 highest total Waiting list payments made to individual consultants during each year.

2016-17	2017-18
£37,551	£23,493
£32,227	£18,576
£21,798	£14,583
£31,184	£12,384
£21,363	£8,944

It is important to note that each year is a unique top 5 list and may not relate to the same consultants in each year.

3. The maximum hourly rate and the minimum hourly rate for such payments for each of following financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Waiting list payments are included in the Medical Dental Staff Terms & Conditions; the payment is based on a session basis not an hourly rate. The maximum rates per session for waiting list initiative payments were as follows:

Financial Year		Rate per session	
i)	2016-17	£579 per session	
ii)	2017-18	£579 per session	

- 4. At the end of each of the following financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18:
 - a) The number of individual consultants (headcount) who received such payments; and
 - b) The total number of consultants (headcount) working in your trust.

Fina	ncial Year	Number of Consultants in receipt of Waiting List Payment during the year	Total Number of Consultants (at March of each year)
i)	2016-17	67	285
ii)	2017-18	23	301

5. The amount paid to private sector providers to carry out routine procedures and the number of procedures carried out for each of the following financial years: 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Fina	ancial Year	Number of Procedures	Cost of Procedures
i)	2016-17	2,650	£7,663,422
ii)	2017-18	1,896	£2,888,169