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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_152_24

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

For the last three-tax year's (23/22, 22/21, 21/20) please provide the total cost of:

1. Total number of staff hired with responsibility for freedom of information requests, (full time equivalent).

The processing of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests sits with the Information Governance Team (5.75 FTE).

2. Total salary costs for staff with responsibility for freedom of information requests.

3. Total for all other costs associated with handling freedom of information requests.

With regards to questions 2&3 - we can confirm that the Health Board does not record this information. Essentially all staff within the organisation have responsibility for Freedom of Information requests. Dependent on the nature of the request, staff would have responsibility as part of their particular role and relevant area of work specific to the request. Therefore, it is not possible to quantify the total salary or all costs involved in dealing with FOI requests in any given year.

4. Total number of freedom of information requests received, and total number responded with the requested information.

Please see provided below the total number of requests received for the last three tax years:

- 23/22 - 508
- 22/21 - 554
- 21/20 - 478

Please note we do not centrally record the total number responded with the requested information. Some responses may have exemptions applied to all or certain elements of the request or the Health Board may not hold the information. Therefore, whilst we may have responded, it may not be with the requested information.

To identify all requests responded to with the requested information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours' time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.