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Thank you for your request concerning the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

The Hertfordshire and West Essex STP is a project based on joint working between the NHS and Local Government organisations within the geographic boundary defined by the STP.

The work of the collective organisations is supported by a Programme Management Office (PMO). The programme management office has been brought together from resources within individual organisations which have been pooled.

The STP project has some limited central funding but the bulk of the financial resource is provided by the constituent organisations.

In relation to your specific questions

1. Please provide the number of jobs created to work with the STP.

Only one additional position has been created that being the 'STP Programme Director'

2. Please provide a job title, job description, and remuneration for each role.

Please see 'Programme Director' job description attached. The remuneration for this position is £110k pa.

3. Please also separately provide any secondments from other areas of the NHS/local authorities with the same details.

The remainder of the positions are filled on a seconded basis from local organisations.

Title	Seconded from
STP Lead	Herts Partnership
Communications and Engagement Lead	E&NH CCG
Transformation Support Lead	Herts Community
Finance Lead	West Essex CCG
Associate Programme Director	E&NHCCG
Transformation Support Lead	HVCCG
PMO Manager	Hertfordshire County Council
Finance Support	West Essex CCG

4. Please also provide the number of staff being paid from private firms with the same details.

None.

5. Please provide the amount of money the STP (and the constituent organisations) has spent on private consultancy firms to date.

	Spend on Private Consultancy Firms £k
2016/2017	181,225
2017/2018	0

6. Please break the figures down by firm, cost of transaction, a description of the project/job role and the hours of service provided where available.

Firm	Cost of Transaction £k	Description of Project / Job	Hours
PricewaterhouseCoopers	As above	In early 2017 the STP engaged the services of PriceWaterhouseCoopers to undertake a 'Governance Review' in relation to the STP.	Section 43 (2) has been applied; please see explanation below.

Section 43 (2)

We consider the release of consultancy hours against the total contractual spend to be commercially sensitive under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. The information is exempt if disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person, including the public authority holding the information.

This is a qualified exemption and therefore subject to the public interest test. We have considered the reasons for and against disclosure below:

Reason for disclosure

There is considerable interest in ensuring the Trust is transparent about its spending of public money at a time when public finances are under considerable scrutiny. Currently there is significant interest in the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and ensuring value for money.

Reason against disclosure

The Trust is obliged to protect its commercial relationships with third parties; they must have confidence that their commercial information is secure when provided to us and the release of all their information would prejudice our on-going relationships.

Conclusion

We reached the view that on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding the hours under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act because by providing this information would identify unit costs and this may impact on our commercial interest including the economic interest of the procurement process when negotiations occur in the future.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

