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Our Ref: FOI/04645

Thank you for your request concerning payments to suppliers.

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

Payment of NHS Trust Suppliers

For the period between June 2022 and January 2023, please provide the statistics as follows:

- 1. The average number of days taken to make payments to suppliers, measured from the date of receipt of invoice or other notice to the date the cash is received by the supplier**
- 2. The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer**
- 3. The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period**

This information is not recorded in the manner you are requesting and as an NHS Trust we report in financial years, not partial years. In order for us to provide this information would involve manually scrutinizing every payment made and this would invoke S12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit¹.

However, under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can inform you that we have adopted the Better Payment Practice Code (BPPC).

Please follow this [link](#) to our 2021/22 Annual Report, where you can find our Statement of BPPC on page 40².

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

¹ Section 12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

² Section 21 – Information is available through other means

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](#).

