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Our Ref: FOI/05150

Thank you for your request concerning our Finance, Payroll, HR and Procurement costs.

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

Your corporate shared service data for finance, payroll, HR, and procurement as submitted in the 23' NHS England Model Hospital for the period of 22 / 23.

For simplicity, please provide the information in the excel spreadsheet provided

We are unable to provide you with the level of breakdown requested in the attached excel spreadsheet. The Trust considers the disclosure of unit costs to be commercially sensitive under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act. 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 in favour of 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.

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 the Trust. The release of this information is likely to prejudice our on-going relationship with these providers.

Furthermore, the suppliers would be placed at an additional competitive disadvantage as other providers would also have access to this information which could then be used to distort prices to the detriment of the supplier and ultimately us.

We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act¹.

Please see below for the overall annual spend.

	2022/2023 Spend £
Payroll	237k
Procurement	378k
Finance	275k
HR	Not Applicable

¹ Section 43 – Information that constitutes a trade secret or may prejudice commercial interests

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

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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](#).

