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Dear

**RE: Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 04/05/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. Please could you tell me how much money your trust spent on bank and/or agency and/or locum staff – and/or non-contractual rates to consultants or other medical staff employed by the trust – to cover junior doctors' shifts during industrial action by the British Medical Association on:**

**A) March 13-15 2023**

**and**

**B) April 11-15, 2023**

The Trust are not currently able to answer this question as staff have up to three months to make claims for additional time worked. When the data is available it will be based on hours worked, times and hourly rate which will not include the total cost to the Trust as costs are not included.

- 2. please could you confirm the amount of money the trust would have expected to spend (or estimates it would have spent) paying the wages of staff junior doctors who took BMA strike action if those who took action had worked their shifts as normal?**

Please see below table.

Dates of strikes	Total expected spend
March 13-15 2023	£437,580
April 11-15 2023	£583,440

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will

conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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