

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 19 July 2024

Public Authority: Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust

Address: Wrythe Lane
Carshalton
Surrey
SM5 1AA

Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust on 9 May 2024:

- "1. Total expenditure incurred on the EPR Cerner project, including all associated costs and expenses, from the project's inception until the present date.
2. Breakdown of expenditure by category, including but not limited to:
 - a. Staffing costs: Details of salaries, wages, benefits, and any other remuneration paid to personnel directly involved in the EPR Cerner project, including both internal staff and consultants.
 - b. Expenditure on external contractors: Comprehensive information on payments made to external contractors, consultants, or service providers engaged for the implementation, development, or maintenance of the EPR Cerner system.
 - c. Resources such as promotional materials: Clear accounting of expenses related to promotional materials, marketing campaigns, or any other promotional activities aimed at raising awareness or facilitating the adoption of the EPR Cerner system.

Please provide the requested information in a format that allows for thorough analysis and understanding of the financial data. If available, I would greatly appreciate the inclusion of any budgetary allocations initially assigned to the project and a detailed comparison with the actual expenditure incurred."

Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

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