

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-121**

17 March 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

Please note that we have provided below translation (written) and interpreting (spoken) services rather than only 'translation' services.

1. Could I please request the total amount University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust spent on translation services in the following financial years:
  - a. 2016-17= £188,999\*
  - b. 2017-18= £313,862\*
  - c. 2018-19= £389,747\*

Total amounts for each financial year are made up of overall translating and interpreting spend for that year (total of figures below in Q2).

2. In each year, please separately state the amount spent on interpreters/oral communication and the amount spent on written, translated material. If possible, please state separately the amount spent on translation services for the hearing impaired (i.e. BSL and braille).

2016/17

Face to face spoken language interpreting: £119,213\*

Telephone interpreting: £13,836\*

Written translation: £2,099\*

Face to face non-spoken language interpreting: £53,851\*

2017/18

Face to face spoken language interpreting: £233,247\*

Telephone interpreting: £20,570\*

Written translation: £533\*

Face to face non-spoken language interpreting: £59,512\*

2018/19

Face to face spoken language interpreting: £292,755\*

Telephone interpreting: £16,070\*

Written translation: £18,515\*

Face to face non-spoken language interpreting: £62,407\*

\*Please note: The Trust does not have a central budget for translating and interpreting services and as a result these figures are based on what is recorded on our finance system.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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