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From: Commercial
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Subject: Financial costs resulting from EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidelines

The guidance can be accessed here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf

Q1 I would like to request the finance costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with the EU exit operational readiness guidance issued on 21 December 2018 by the Department of Health and Social Care.

This guidance asks NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups to: "Record costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with this guidance. Costs with a direct financial impact should be recorded separately to opportunity costs."

Please can this information be provided from 22nd December 2018 to 26 September 2019, and the costs split into a) direct financial impact and b) opportunity costs

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- a. Information not held - The Trust has not incurred any direct costs related to EU Exit preparedness. All of our preparedness utilises existing contingency plans and existing emergency/resilience structures.
 - b. Information not held - The opportunity cost associated with attending meetings or workshops for the Trust contingency planning group is considered to be negligible/zero on the basis that the time taken to review and test existing contingency plans or supply chain understanding has significant wider benefit to the organisation.