

Reference Number: FOI202324/313
From: Press/Media
Date: 09 October 2023
Subject: Spend on NHS strike cover, over doctor strike periods

I would like to request information regarding the money spent by your trust on NHS strike cover, over doctor strike periods.

For the following strike dates (inclusive):

13/03/23 - 15/03/23
11/04/23 - 14/04/23
14/06/23 - 16/06/23
13/07/23 - 18/07/23
20/07/23 - 21/07/23
11/08/23 - 14/08/23
24/08/23 - 25/08/23
19/09/23 - 22/09/23
02/10/23 - 04/10/23

Q1 The total temporary staff spend on each day in the periods requested

A1 Zero

Q2 The total spend on strike cover on each day in the periods requested

A2 The table below provides an estimate of the payments for strike cover as not all payment claims have been received to date.

Date	Spend
13/03/23 - 15/03/23	£30,216.80
11/04/23 - 14/04/23	£32,465.45
14/06/23 - 16/06/23	£27,878.74
13/07/23 - 18/07/23	£35,925.25
20/07/23 - 21/07/23	£0.00
11/08/23 - 14/08/23	£35,000
24/08/23 - 25/08/23	£0.00
19/09/23 - 22/09/23	£35,000
02/10/23 - 04/10/23	£35,000

Q3 The top five daily rates paid for i) doctor and ii) nurse on each day in the periods requested

A3 i) The payments are based on an hourly rate, with the length of cover differing between shifts covered. The top five hourly rates are £262, £243.28, £243.28, £243.28, £243.28.

ii) Information not held – no spend on Nurses