

Date: **26 November 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5532**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request

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.”

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

Please can this information:

- 1. Be provided from 22nd December 2018 to the date of this FOI 26 September 2019*
- 2. Split the costs into a) direct financial impact and b) opportunity costs*

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the ‘Trust’) is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The only real costs we have incurred have been the business continuity meetings around Brexit and assessment of risks. As these are part of BAU (preparing for risks) we do not record the costs associated with these meetings. The guidance states that we should not stockpile, change activity levels and so forth. Therefore, we have not incurred any costs associated with these points; nor have we incurred any revenue or capital costs associated with the operational readiness guidance.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Your Rights

Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the receipt date of our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
LONDON
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If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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