

FOI 0145/2021 Response

Request

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Hello,

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

I am contacting you at the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust to request payment data.

I am requesting information on all payments to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2019-01-01 and 2020-12-31.

What is requested is a list of these payments, ideally in Microsoft Excel format, which contains as much of the following information for each payment as possible.

- Supplier name
- Amount paid, excluding VAT
- Payment date (or some other relevant transaction date)
- A unique invoice-id or a transaction-id number for each payment.
- Some description of the nature of the expense

I am not asking you to do manual time-consuming compiling. I am only asking for an extract from your accounting software with as much of the above stated information as you can conveniently and reasonably provide.

Response

Please see attached spreadsheet and note the following:

- Data in relation to self-employed suppliers have been removed from the spreadsheet, this is because the requested data is in relation to personal information. The Trust therefore rely on exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.
- The Trust is unable to provide the amount paid, payment date (or some other relevant transaction date), a unique invoice-id or a transaction-id number for each payment or some description of the nature of the expense.

This is because each supplier will have associated with them a substantial number of invoices, as well as numerous invoices for different services offered from a single supplier.

To obtain the information requested will require exhaustive measures that exceeds the threshold of this task. The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.