

Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, and I seek information about the better payments practice code from your trust.

See attached spreadsheet

1) Please state the total amount paid in interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 by your trust for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.

2) Please provide the total non-NHS bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.

- The total number of non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year
- The total monetary value of the non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

3) Please provide the total NHS trade bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.

- The total number of NHS bills/invoices paid in the year
- The total monetary value of the NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

4) Please provide the total percentage of bills/invoices paid within target for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.

- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

5) Please state what the top three largest invoices paid to either non-NHS and NHS trade invoices were, for example rent, in the calendar year 2023-24.

Please provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet or CSV file.

Please see below an example of how Trust's have been recording this data and the terminology used.

Better payments practice code

The Trust is a signatory to the better payments practice code. This requires the Trust to aim to pay all undisputed invoices by the due date or within 30 days of receipt of goods or a valid invoice, whichever is later. The Trust has paid £26k of interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 in 2023-24 (2022-23 £0K).

	2023-24		2022-23	
	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
Total non-NHS trade invoices paid in the year	35,879	177,192	54,600	200,658
Total non-NHS trade invoices paid within target	26,594	152,236	42,929	175,544
Percentage of non-NHS bills paid within target	74.1%	85.9%	78.6%	87.5%
Total NHS trade invoices paid in the year	1,197	11,727	2,158	16,673
Total NHS trade invoices paid within target	642	7,569	1,338	1,565
NHS trade invoices paid within target (%)	53.6%	64.5%	62.0%	81.4%
Total percentage of bills paid within target	73.4%	84.6%	78%	87.0%

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

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