

Funding and staff time given to trade unions

Request

I am writing to obtain information about the total amount of money paid to trade unions by your organisation and the amount of staff time spent on trade union activities

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

1. The total amount of money paid to all trade unions for financial periods a) 2009-10 and b) 2010-11 broken down by trade union.
2. For each trade union for which it applies, please provide the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff working for the union (this is sometimes called 'Trade Union facility time') in a) 2009-10 and b) 2010-11

Our Response

The information requested for 2009-10 is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA, as it is reasonably accessible elsewhere and can be found on our website on our disclosure log in response to an FOIA request last year from a colleague in your organisation, at:
<http://www.leicspt.nhs.uk/Library/LibraryFOI101191.pdf>

With regard to the information for 2010-11, we are pleased to provide the Trust's Trade Union spend. We are also pleased to provide the FTE of staff employed by the Trust who are Union representatives and stewards together with the name of the Union they represent. We are, however, unable to provide the FTE for the time spent by these personnel on Trade Union activity, as we do not record this information for anyone other than the Staff Side Secretary. The Freedom of Information Act gives the right to access official information held by public authorities and, as we do not hold this information, we are, unfortunately, unable to provide it to you.

LEICESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP NHS TRUST - TRADE UNION SPEND 2010/11

	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Total
Amicus	221.66	199.74	199.74	199.74	199.74	207.33	207.33	199.74	185.41	185.41	177.82	177.82	2,361.48
Unison	12,416.78	12,559.02	12,559.02	12,389.21	12,538.62	12,701.53	12,980.80	12,777.53	12,856.20	12,152.00	12,206.61	12,196.26	150,333.58
Total	12,638.44	12,758.76	12,758.76	12,588.95	12,738.36	12,908.86	13,188.13	12,977.27	13,041.61	12,337.41	12,384.43	12,374.08	152,695.06

Trade Union Representation 2010/2011

Union	H&S Rep/Steward	Weekly Contracted Hours	Hours spent on union time
UNITE	Steward	37.5	not known
UNITE	Steward	37.5	not known
UNITE	Steward	23.63	not known
BMA	Steward	40	not known
BMA	Steward	40	not known
BMA	Steward	40	not known
RCN	Steward	37.5	not known
RCN	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
RCN	Steward	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	9.38	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	30	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	22.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Steward & H&S	37.5	not known
UNISON	Staff Side Secretary	37.5	15 hours
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