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Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 09 February 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following:-

- 1. Please could you provide a list of doctors who have taken study leave overseas in the past 12 months (up to and including the month of January 2018) as part of their continued professional development. I do not expect you to name the doctors but please could you provide their job title/position, the dates of the study leave, the location (country and city), the name of the conference/purpose of the trip and how much money the trust spent (either directly or claimed back in expenses) on the trip. Details should include amount spent by the Trust on accommodation, flights, conference fees and any other related costs.**

The Trust does not hold this information in an easily obtainable format. To provide this would entail manually trawling through various Trust systems, this would exceed the appropriate time limit and incur a charge

- 2. Please could you state if the Trust has a specific allowance for how much doctors are able to claim towards their continued professional development each year.**

Study Leave

All consultants and SAS doctors are entitled to 30 days study or professional leave every three years. Year 1 of the cycle commenced on the 1st April 2016 and each doctor has a study leave budget of £750 per annum. Money not claimed in year 1 can be rolled into year 2 and then into year 3. At the end of year 3 any monies not claimed cannot be carried forward into the next cycle.

Trust doctors & Training grade doctors have 30 days per year and a budget of £600 per year but there is no rollover of leave or monies unused from year to year. 20 days of this leave is taken with locally provided teaching leaving 10 days for external study leave.

If you commence employment part-way through a cycle subsequent leave and monies will be pro-rata.

Similarly if you are less than full-time leave is also pro-rata.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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