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### ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 01 June 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. Please confirm or deny whether, in the six months between December 2017 and May 2018 (inclusive), the trust made any applications to the Home Office for Tier 2 (General) Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS) for doctors to work in the trust.**

Yes, applications were made to the Home Office.

- 2. Please indicate how many such applications the trust made in the following months:**

a) December 2017	-	1
b) January 2018	-	1
c) February 2018	-	0
d) March 2018	-	2
e) April 2018	-	5
f) May 2018	-	3

- 3. Please indicate how many applications to the Home Office for Tier 2 (General) Certificates of Sponsorship (CoS) for doctors to work in the trust were refused in the following months:**

a) December 2017	-	0
b) January 2018	-	0
c) February 2018	-	0
d) March 2018	-	2
e) April 2018	-	4
f) May 2018	-	pending home office out-come

- 4. Please indicate what the financial cost to the trust was in the six months between December 2017 and May 2018 (inclusive) for recruiting doctors from outside the EEA whose applications for visas were subsequently refused. (If an exact figure is not available, please provide an estimate of the total or the typical cost involved in recruiting a doctor from outside the EEA and applying for a Tier 2 visa. Please include costs of staff time, administrative fees, agency fees, and any other associated costs.)**

The cost for the visa is £1,000 per year plus an additional £199 visa charge. The majority of the Doctors will have been paid on the bottom of the Speciality Doctor pay scale, £37,923 and received an additional 2 PA's £7,584.60 totalling £45,507 per annum. We are unable to calculate the agency fees to cover these vacant shifts.

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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 Manager  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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