

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 10th October 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. The details of any office accommodation your organisation provides to staff to carry out trade union business. Please include details of:

- **space measured in square feet - approx. 12 m²**
- **how much of this space is contained within entirely separate buildings (i.e. occupied solely by staff carrying out trade union business) - 17 m²**
- **whether a professional valuation of the market rental value of the space has been sought either in-house or externally, and if so, what the valuation of the space was – commercially sensitive**
- **any charges the council levy for office space given to trade unions. No**

2. Do you deduct trade union subscriptions for any of your employees via payroll (sometimes known as the "check off" system)? If so, do you charge a fee to the trade unions concerned for providing this service?

There were no salary deductions in 23/24.

3. With regard to trade union facility time, please provide the total cost of facility time from your pay bill for the financial year 2023/24 and the budget for the current financial year. Please also advise the current number of employees that you fund to be union officials, measured as full time equivalents? (For guidance on definitions please refer to the Government's Transparency Code for local government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-transparency-code-2015/local-government-transparency-code-2015>)

£25,043.09

18.5 FTE

4. Please advise any estimates for other costs met for those staff on trade union facility time apart from salaries - including travel expenses, office supplies, telephone expenses and energy bills.

Employed staff are given protected working time to carry out duties

If you are unhappy with the information received in response to this request, please address your complaint to the Patient Affairs Office at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes MK6 5LD. If, after exhausting our internal process, you are still unhappy with the information received, you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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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