FOI 1985

Date 13/03/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. **How much money was spent on external consultancy services to help improve hospital processes and efficiency for the tax years 2012 to 2022?**

As of April 2020 £1,390,114 has been spent to improve The Trusts processes and efficiency.

1. **Has your organisation directly employed during the period of 2012 to 2022 data analysists and or statisticians (not through consultancy services nor through academic access)?**

Statisticians:  No

Data analysts:  Yes, we have directly employed data analysts.

1. **If yes, to question 2 (above), did they facilitate non-research hospital governance and improvement activity and/or data analytics for the NHS?**

They have facilitated hospital governance and improvement activity and data analytics for the NHS.

1. **Does your hospital currently have an improvement/development team?**

There is no specific improvement / development team. However, the Trust does have an Integration and Transformation Team, Clinical Safety Team, Organisation Development Team and Information Team.

1. **Which group of employees carries out the majority of governance and improvement projects? a) doctors, b) nurses, c) doctors and nurses, d) a specific team.**

There are multiple governance and improvement projects running across the Trust involving doctors and nurses as well as other allied health professionals.

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Yours sincerely,

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