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REQUEST

I would like to request the finance costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with the EU exit operational readiness guidance issued on 21 December 2018 by the Department of Health and Social Care.

This guidance asks NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups to: “Record costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with this guidance. Costs with a direct financial impact should be recorded separately to opportunity costs.”

The guidance can be accessed here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf

1. Be provided from 22nd December 2018 to the date of this FOI 26 September 2019
2. Split the costs into a) direct financial impact and b) opportunity costs

RESPONSE

All NHS organisations were instructed by the DHSC in March 2019 not to share information concerning EU Exit preparations on the basis that it would be commercially confidential, could prejudice the commercial interests of the entities involved and could cause health and care sector institutions premature financial harm and possibly put public wellbeing at risk. Exemptions 29 and 43 of the FOI legislation are quoted.

There has been no further change to this guidance since March 2019, and as such the Trust is not able to provide the information you have requested.