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REQUEST & RESPONSE

In your financial accounts for the financial year 2017/18 did you have a section for "losses and special payments?"

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust do not have to provide information to the applicant which is easily accessible by other means. This information you require can be viewed via the Trusts new publication Scheme at –

<http://nww.sthk.nhs.uk/about/Documents/ANNUAL%20ACCOUNTS%202018%20final.pdf>

If so how much money was accounted for in the 2017/2018 financial year as being "losses and special payments"? (Please note I am aware that the loss may have occurred many years earlier but I am interested in items which were accounted for in the last financial year, irrespective of when the loss took place.)

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Please detail the three largest single amounts within this total, giving a cost for each loss and a detailed description of the claim and the reason for the loss.

The largest single amount was £15k and related to expenditure incurred as a result of vandalism, and there were two employer liability claims relating to the category of lifting/handling/carrying £10k each.

3. What was the biggest loss written off in 2017/18 (regardless of when the debt was accumulated) that related to an unpaid patient bill? Please state the total amount of this written off debt, the nationality of the patient and the department of the hospital the majority where the majority of the bill was incurred.

£2,868. We are unable to disclose the nationality and department as when used together it could identify the individual in question. This would constitute personal information and would be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40 (FOI Act) provides an exemption to disclosure, where disclosure would contravene any of the Data Protection principles. This exemption is an absolute exemption that is not subject to the public interest test. Where the information relates to an individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data when added to other information, in the possession of, or likely to come into the possession of the data controller, this meets the definition of personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act.