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REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request some information from your Trust.

In 2019 BMA and NHS England (NHSE) reached an agreement for funds to be allocated to trusts providing they signed up to the Fatigue and Facilities Charter. Up to £60,000 was allocated to individual trusts, with spending to be determined by the Trust Junior Doctor Forums.

The BMA are now in the process of auditing how this money has been spent and are asking all Trusts who received the money to provide details of how it has been spent or is planning to be spent if there is still money remaining.

Please could you provide us with the information below

1. Funding

Total Funds Given to Trust	£30,000
Total Funds Spent so far	£27,000
Total Funds Unspent so far	£3,000
Total Funds Unspent but allocated to project/items	£0

2. What was your process for allocation of funds?
 - a. Was the Junior Doctors Forum fully involved in the decision making?
 - b. Was the Local Negotiating Committee involved in any decision making?
 - c. Were any BMA representatives involved in the decision making?

d. Who had final say in what was spent/allocated on?

The JDF, LNC, and local BMA reps were involved in the allocation and use of the funding, with the JDF, LNC, and junior doctors forum attendees having the final say on how the money was spent.

3. If you have spent all the funding, when was this achieved (month and year if possible)?

N/A

4. What are the plans for any unused funding at the end of this financial year?

a. How much longer is needed to allow for spending the remaining money?

b. Under which budget are the funds currently held?

The funds are held under the Facilities Management Budget. Spend on remaining items will be picked up as soon as is practicable.

5. Were there barriers to spending/allocating the money?

No Barriers were met in allocating/ spending the funding, however the only barrier to completion of the project was arrival of items coinciding with the start of the pandemic and so in order to maintain social distancing requirements, some furniture was located in generic 'breakout' areas rather than inside the Doctors Mess.

6. Please provide a breakdown on what items/areas the money has been spent/allocated on so far (proforma below can be used if easier)

The Trust spent @£27,000 in 5 main areas:

Lounge furniture and fittings including TV	£14k
Office furniture and IT	£5k
Catering and dining equipment and furniture	£2k
Flooring	£2k
Associated electrical and engineering works	£4k