



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-413

Date 3rd October 2024

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Dear Sir /Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Better Payments Practice Code.

**Q1 This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, and I seek information about the better payments practice code from your Trust.**

**1) Please state the total amount paid in interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 by your Trust for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.**

A1 See below: note that this information is partially held as we only have data in financial and not calendar years and can only go back to 2013/14.

|         | Late payment of commercial debts<br>£000 |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| 2013/14 | 0                                        |
| 2014/15 | 0                                        |
| 2015/16 | 2                                        |
| 2016/17 | 1                                        |
| 2017/18 | 3                                        |
| 2018/19 | 3                                        |
| 2019/20 | 2                                        |
| 2020/21 | 0                                        |
| 2021/22 | 1                                        |
| 2022/23 | 2                                        |
| 2023/24 | 2                                        |

**Q2 Please provide the total non-NHS bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.**

- The total number of non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year

- The total monetary value of the non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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|         | Non NHS  | Non NHS    |
|---------|----------|------------|
|         | No. Paid | Value Paid |
|         |          | £000       |
| 2013/14 | 99,804   | 174,158    |
| 2014/15 | 140,585  | 228,945    |
| 2015/16 | 193,158  | 295,181    |
| 2016/17 | 154,781  | 385,988    |
| 2017/18 | 128,930  | 383,834    |
| 2018/19 | 131,200  | 458,888    |
| 2019/20 | 167,860  | 539,905    |
| 2020/21 | 111,177  | 469,641    |
| 2021/22 | 118,791  | 520,493    |
| 2022/23 | 126,894  | 590,077    |
| 2023/24 | 129,976  | 657,380    |

Q3 Please provide the total NHS trade bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.

- The total number of NHS bills/invoices paid in the year
- The total monetary value of the NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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|         | NHS      | NHS        |
|---------|----------|------------|
|         | No. Paid | Value Paid |
|         |          | £000       |
| 2013/14 | 2,326    | 24,217     |
| 2014/15 | 5,175    | 38,623     |
| 2015/16 | 3,626    | 44,247     |
| 2016/17 | 3,674    | 41,369     |
| 2017/18 | 2,766    | 30,457     |
| 2018/19 | 3,703    | 31,601     |
| 2019/20 | 4,762    | 63,633     |
| 2020/21 | 2,876    | 26,901     |
| 2021/22 | 2,696    | 21,935     |
| 2022/23 | 2,375    | 20,478     |

|         |       |        |
|---------|-------|--------|
| 2023/24 | 2,712 | 27,189 |
|---------|-------|--------|

**Q4 Please provide the total percentage of bills/invoices paid within target for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.**

- Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

**A4 See below: note that this information is partially held as we only have data in financial and not calendar years and can only go back to 2013/14.**

|         | Non NHS           | NHS               |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
|         | Value % in target | Value % in target |
| 2013/14 | 85.62             | 74.97             |
| 2014/15 | 87.56             | 63.48             |
| 2015/16 | 84.17             | 70.86             |
| 2016/17 | 89.40             | 64.36             |
| 2017/18 | 86.73             | 73.60             |
| 2018/19 | 94.00             | 66.70             |
| 2019/20 | 92.93             | 83.40             |
| 2020/21 | 97.00             | 85.76             |
| 2021/22 | 95.67             | 83.79             |
| 2022/23 | 98.82             | 89.70             |
| 2023/24 | 98.05             | 79.84             |

**Q5 Please state what the top three largest invoices paid to either non-NHS and NHS trade invoices were, for example rent, in the calendar year 2023-24.**

**A5 The three largest payments were all for the Unitary Payment for the PFI areas of the hospital.**

29/08/23 9,738,600.94  
27/07/23 8,971,269.35  
13/02/24 8,909,731.94

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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Yours,



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