



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 02/02/18.

In your financial accounts for the financial year 2016/17 did you have a section for "losses and special payments?"

1. If so how much money was accounted for in the 2016/2017 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.)

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. If one of these three biggest losses relate to an unpaid patient bill please state what department of the hospital the majority of the bill was incurred in.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information.

The information you have requested is largely available publicly through other means on the 16/17 Annual Report & Accounts, which is available on the NGH website; note 39 Losses & Special payments summarises the losses & special payments accounted for in the 16/17 financial year.

<http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/About/Policies-Reports-and-strategies/Annual-Reports/Annual-Reports.aspx>

The details of the 3 largest single amounts within the total of £561k are as follows:

Settlement following employment tribunal - £43,887.00

Write off of salary overpayment (gross cost) - £20,442.90 – balance held in bad debt provision.

Write off overseas visitor invoice - £14,197.16 – Cardiology Dept – Debt collection agency unsuccessful in recovering debt.