

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 133

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 25/05/18.

1) What is the percentage of Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust suppliers paid within 5 days? (Please provide the numbers for 2015, 2016 and 2017)

2) What is the percentage of Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust suppliers paid within 30 days? (Please provide the numbers for 2015, 2016 and 2017)

3) Thinking about prompt payment of suppliers in general, what have been the biggest challenges for Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust in meeting the 5 working days goal for all government bodies?

4) Thinking about prompt payment of suppliers in general, what resources or structural changes does Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust needs the most to ensure higher rate of compliance with the 5 working days goal for all government bodies?

5) To the best of your knowledge, are there any specific services or products that can help with the prompt payment of suppliers and increase the overall percentage of invoices paid within the 5 working days goal?

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

Exemption under Section 21 – Information Accessible by Other Means The information you have requested is largely available publicly through other means at:

The compliance figures for 30 day payment terms are published as part of our final accounts and therefore this information is already available to the public at: http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/About/Policies-Reports-and-strategies/Annual-Reports.aspx

We do not calculate payment within 5 days, so this information is not available.

We are committed to the NHS goal of paying 95% of our suppliers within 30 days, and this is the figure that is required by and reported to NHSi.