



Ref: 0721

Request:

Received: 26/07/2010

Dear Sirs

I would like to request information regarding

- i. the total cost of advertising vacancies for the previous financial year (2009-10),
- ii. a list of publications and/or websites where these vacancies were listed.
- iii. a list of the vacancies and their appropriate department.

Yours sincerely



Response:

Responded: 30/07/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of information Act (2000) (FOIA).

I regret that that we do not routinely capture the information you seek. This is because:

1. Individual budget holders are responsible for arranging advertising of vacancies with no specific centralised funds being allocated.
2. The publications in which we place any advertisements vary according to the nature of the vacancy
3. We do not maintain a list of vacancies that may arise across the Trust.

We would only be able to identify the information you seek from an examination of records held by each individual Trust department. I am sure you will appreciate that it would take a significant effort to undertake this task. Having sought advice from our Recruitment department, I estimate that the time which would be taken in determining whether the above information is held, locating and retrieving the material containing that information and extracting any relevant information would take more than 18 hours (the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOIA). Accordingly, relying on Section 12 of the Act, your request for access under the FOIA is refused by the Trust.

I am sorry to provide with what I imagine will be a disappointing response. I am however obliged to advise you that if you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request you have a right to complain to the Trust and should set out your concerns to Mr Peter Suter, Director of Information Management & Technology, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust, 220 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8SD. If you then still remain dissatisfied, you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to seek a determination from the Information Commissioner on whether the Act has been properly applied by the Trust. For further information, please see www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Gary Bassett
Head of Patient Experiences
London Ambulance Service NHS Trust