

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/368  
**From:** Press/Media  
**Date:** 09 October 2023  
**Subject:** Spend on NHS strike cover, over Doctor strike periods

I would like to request information regarding the money spent by your trust on NHS strike cover, over doctor strike periods.

For the following strike dates (inclusive):

13/3/23 - 15/3/23  
 11/4/23 - 14/4/23  
 14/6/23 - 16/6/23  
 13/7/23 - 18/7/23  
 20/7/23 - 21/7/23  
 11/8/23 - 14/8/23  
 24/8/23 - 25/8/23  
 19/9/23 - 22/9/23  
 02/10/23 - 04/10/23

Q1 The total temporary staff spend on each day in the periods requested

A1 [Information not held – A breakdown of spend on specific temporary staff is not available by day](#)

Q2 The total spend on strike cover on each day in the periods requested

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Date	Spend £
13th March	88,456
14th March	86,586
15th March	66,684
11th April	76,751
12th April	78,019
13th April	83,825
14th April	68,904
14th June	87,516
15th June	46,875
16th June	73,173
13th July	68,925
14th July	68,147
15th July	90,918
16th July	82,986
17th July	70,132
20th July	1,272
21st July	-

11th August	58,989
12th August	80,885
13th August	74,274
14th August	53,362
24th August	5,579
25th August	2,825
19th September	-
20th September	4,867
21st September	40,007
22nd September	35,949

Information not held – For the period of 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October no payments have yet been made in relation to this strike period

Q3 The top five daily rates paid for i) doctor and ii) nurse on each day in the periods requested

A3 Top daily rate for nursing staff was time-and-a-half.

Top daily rate for medics was based on the below table-

From April 2023:

	Weekday		Weekend	Overnight
	07:00 hrs - 19:00 hrs	19:00 hrs - 23:00hrs	07:00 hrs - 23:00 hrs	23:00 hrs - 07:00 hrs
Consultant	£161 p/hour	£215 p/hour	£215 p/hour	£269 p/hour
Autonomous SAS	£161 p/hour	£215 p/hour	£215 p/hour	£269 p/hour
Supervised SAS	£92 p/hour	£118 p/hour	£118 p/hour	£161 p/hour

Non-resident on-call (covering junior doctor work) will be paid at £108 p/hour (consultant rate). Time spent working during this period can be claimed at the rates outlined above.

Prior to April 2023:

	March Strike Rate
Non resident on call (not called out)	£105
Weekday 7am – 7pm	£158
Weekday 7pm to 11pm	£210
Overnight 11pm – 7am	£262
Weekend 7am to 11pm	£210