

FOI_0960_2022-23 – FOI Request Concerning – Funding Provided by the Government to improve rest facilities for junior doctors in line with the BMA Fatigue and Facilities Charter

1) Please detail how this money was spent on improving rest facilities for junior doctors.

Summary of what was done:

New power socket added to support pod install Sleeping pod Lockable wall cupboard External Code lock installed

£13,105.81 excluding VAT - from £15k capital spend

Solent NHS Trust carried over £3,834.34 to 2022/23 for the amounts that were spent in April 2022. This was initially overspent but some amounts were later credited so the total spend was £3,305.05. The split is as below.

Coffee	£25.99
Ear plugs	£104.85
Insulated water bottles	£1,467.50
Sleep masks	£897.00
Sweet Dreams Sleep Life Oil	£471.15
Tea bags	£8.71
Tote bags	£179.85
How to survive as a junior doctor books	£150.00
	£3,305.05

2) Please provide me with any documentation that the Trust holds (e.g. board papers, business plans, emails) that documents the allocation of this funding and the justification for its use.

Please see answer for Q3

3) Please provide me with any documentation that the trust holds (e.g. board papers, business plans, emails) that documents how the Director of Medical Education and Junior Doctors' Forum in your Trust determined, signed off and monitored the allocation of this funding.





Attached are the relevant email threads regarding the decisions made with junior doctor reps regarding allocation of the funding and the spend, and also the sums remaining. Solent NHS Trust agreed (along with the regional BMA Industrial Relations Officer and the CMO) that the issue of Fatigue and Facilities funding would be reviewed regularly via the agenda and action tracker of the DDNC (Doctors and Dentists Negotiating Committee (now known as the JLNC – Joint Local Negotiating Committee) which is held in the Trust every 3 months. It is chaired by the CMO, and is attended by the DME, Trainee Rep, Consultant representatives & Dentists, Guardian of Safe Working, BMA Industrial Relations Officer, senior HR Manager, SAS reps, & People's services (Associate Director). As the DDNC is chaired by the CMO, this ensures Trust Board oversight. The Fatigues and Facilities Fund is a running item on the Action Tracker. The relevant agendas, minutes and action tracker records are attached.

4) If your answers to questions 1-3 above do not account for the full amount of the funding in question, with which your Trust was provided, please detail what happened to the remainder.

The remainder amount is held within the Medical Education budget and the spend issue remains a standing item on the action tracker for the JLNC