

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

- 1. How many people does your organisation employ?**
The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the Trust website (<https://eput.nhs.uk/about-us/>) and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means. *
- 2. What is the total annual expenditure budget of your organisation?**
Plan Expenditure 2019/20 £305m
- 3. How many full-time employment staff does your organisation employ dedicated to counter fraud activities? Nil, counter fraud services are an outsourced service**
- 4. If you employ such staff, how many full-time employment staff are directly employed by your organisation? n/a**
- 5. If any of your counter fraud staff are supplied by another organisation, could you identify the name of the organisation(s) which supplies them? BDO**
- 6. Approximately how much did you spend on counter fraud activities in the last reporting year? £24,500**
- 7. How many referrals for fraud investigation has your counter fraud team received in the last reporting year? 5 referrals received**
- 8. How many fraud cases has your counter fraud team successfully investigated? I.e Leading to sanction and/or recovery of monies in the last reporting year. 1 investigation led to successful recovery of monies.**

Response:

***Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to

communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk/>