

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Reference Number:** EPUT.FOI.10.1467  
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### Information Requested:

1. Could I please request the total amount Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust spent on translation services in the following financial years:
  - a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the Publication Scheme on Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust's website <https://eput.nhs.uk/publication-category/freedom-of-information-requests/> under the reference EPUT.FOI.19.1224 and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

2. In each year, please separately state the amount spent on interpreters/oral communication and the amount spent on written, translated material. If possible, please state separately the amount spent on translation services for the hearing impaired (i.e. BSL and braille):
  - a. 2016-17
  - b. 2017-18
  - c. 2018-19

The Trust does not separately record spend based on the type of interpreting service being provided.

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### Applied Exemption:

#### 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.

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**Publication Scheme:**

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