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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Trade
Unions

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. The details of any office accommodation your organisation provides to staff to carry out trade union business. Please include details of:	Four offices provided			
2. Do you deduct trade union subscriptions for any of your employees via payroll (sometimes known as the "check off" system)? If so, do you charge a fee to the trade unions concerned for providing this service?	Yes we deduct trade union subscriptions for any employees via payroll and yes we charge a fee.			
3. With regard to trade union facility time, please provide the total cost of facility time from your pay bill for the financial year 2023/24 and the budget for the current financial year?	The Trust publishes Trade Union Facility time and % of pay on the annual report which is on the Trust internet site.			
4. Please also advise the current number of employees that you fund to be union officials, measured as full time equivalents?	24.98			
5. Please advise any estimates for other costs met for those staff on trade union facility time apart from salaries - including travel expenses, office		Yes	Section 21 Exemption - Refer Applicant to the Publication Scheme /	Under Section 21 of the Act, the Trust is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available here: https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-

supplies, telephone expenses and energy bills			Information Reasonably Accessible Elsewhere	us/publications-and-reports/annual-report-and-accounts/
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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