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Subject: Consultants and waiting list initiative payments

REQUEST

1. a) The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years

- i) 2023-24
- ii) 2022-23
- iii) 2021-22

b) The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the department of each consultant, and how many sessions and hours they worked, for the 2023-24 financial year.

c) The maximum hourly rate or session rate for such payments for the 2023-24 financial year (if providing by session please state length of session (in hours)).

2. During junior doctor strike days since March 2023 and up to and including the one in late June / early July 2024 please provide the five highest hourly rates paid to consultants to provide cover, stating their normal department and what department they providing cover in, and the date of payment and how long their shift was for

If possible, I would like the information requested in Excel format.

RESPONSE

1. a) The total amount paid in waiting list initiative payments (and other higher rate additional payments for weekend and evening work) to consultants for the following financial years

- **i) 2023-24** - £6,173,494
- **ii) 2022-23** - £5,302,827
- **iii) 2021-22** - £5,375,824

b) The five highest totals of such payments paid to individual consultants, stating the department of each consultant, and how many sessions and hours they worked, for the 2023-24 financial year.

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