

Ref. No: FOI1219  
Date: 26 September 2024  
Subject: Better Payments Practice Code

## REQUEST

- 1) Please state the total amount paid in interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 by your trust for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.
- 2) Please provide the total non-NHS bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.
  - The total number of non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year
  - The total monetary value of the non-NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
  - Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- 3) Please provide the total NHS trade bills paid for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024. Please supply the following breakdowns.
  - The total number of NHS bills/invoices paid in the year
  - The total monetary value of the NHS bills/invoices paid in the year (£)
  - Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- 4) Please provide the total percentage of bills/invoices paid within target for each year in the calendar years 2010 to 2024.
  - Please provide data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- 5) Please state what the top three largest invoices paid to either non-NHS and NHS trade invoices were, for example rent, in the calendar year 2023-24.

Please provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet or CSV file.

## RESPONSE

**On 1st July 2023 St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust became one organization Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Therefore financial year 2023/24 is the only year with information of the new organization.**

**As a body we only work in financial years from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March and as such this is how our information is presented.**

For questions 1 to 4, the answers to the questions can be found [here](#) in accounts on our website back to the financial year 2017/2018.

**5. Please state what the top three largest invoices paid to either non-NHS and NHS trade invoices were, for example rent, in the calendar year 2023-24.**

All PFI (Private Finance Initiative) Payment – Commercially Sensitive