

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

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Dear Mr Alexander,

**Our Ref: CQC IAT 1920 0590**

I write in response to your correspondence of 03 October 2019, in which you made a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please find below our response to each part of your request.

***“1) Please disclose the total expenditure by the National Guardian’s Office (NGO) in each of the following years on the Health Service Journal’s Awards:***

- ***2017/18***
- ***2018/19***

You have also asked for a breakdown of costs.

The total expenditure by the NGO, covering both years asked for, is £33,394.85.

***“Please include the cost of:***

- ***Sponsoring HSJ awards”***

This corresponds to the following:

2018: £16,500

2019: £16,500

Please note that both packages for each year include:

- The award itself
- The shortlisting process
- The judging process
- 2 x tables of 10 people at the award ceremony
- Hospitality costs at the award ceremony
- 2 x sponsored columns in the Health Service Journal

- ***“Time taken and travelling expenses to meet with HSJ staff regarding the NGO’s involvement in the awards”***

Over 2018 and 2019 HSJ and NGO met once in a face-to-face meeting at the NGO’s office on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018. No travel expenses were incurred.

- ***“Cost of NGO staff attending the awards ceremony and paying for any other parties to attend the HSJ awards ceremonies”***

Cost of NGO staff attending the 2018 award ceremony: £ 394.85. No other costs incurred.

- ***“Any other costs associated with the HSJ awards”***

No other costs were incurred.

***“2) Please disclose any correspondence with the Health Service Journal awards organisers regarding***

- ***the choice of judges***
- ***the terms of the sponsorship***
- ***comms/ presentation/ branding regarding the NGO’s sponsorship”***

We have included this information in the attached PDF document with filename beginning “Main disclosure...”. Individual files can, optionally, be navigated via the bookmarks menu within this PDF.

***“3) Please disclose the terms of the NGO’s sponsorship of the HSJ awards”***

This information is contained in the file “NGO - HSJ Awards Category Partnership agreement 2019.pdf”.

You will notice that some personal details within these PDFs have been redacted. We have redacted the names of most personnel involved, as we take the view that they would not reasonably expect their names to be disclosed in the circumstances.

The legal basis for these redactions is the exemption in section 40 of the FOIA. We have attached a decision notice explaining further the legal basis for the exemption, and your right to challenge this decision if you are unhappy with it.

We trust this information is helpful to you.

Kind regards,

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