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Information requested:

Please provide your total spend on communications and public relations for the last three financial year's (20/21,21/22,22/23). For each year I would like a breakdown containing the following information:

- Spend on communications and public relations activities.
- Total number of communications and public relations employees.
- Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees.

Response:

Spending on communications and public relations activities

20/21: £7,406.60

21/22: £415.00

22/23: £12,180.00

Total number of communications and public relations employees

20/21: 1

21/22: 1

22/23: 2

Total salary cost for all communications and public relations employees

20/21: Exemption 38(1)(b) – Personal Information

21/22: Exemption 38(1)(b) – Personal Information

22/23: £98,210.82

Advice and Guidance

We have applied FOISA Section 38(1)(b) to withhold the total salary costs for the years 20/21 & 21/22 as the information relates to a single employee whose identity and salary band are already in the public domain. This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

We note that we have received six requests from applicants with your name over the course of the last four months. We are a small health board and it is unusual to for us to receive so many requests from one applicant in a year.

Under our duty to provide advice and assistance to applicants we would like to engage with you to understand your interest in our organisation. This may allow us to signpost you to relevant sources of information about us and assist us locate information requested. We can be contacted at TSH.FOI-Mailbox@nhs.scot.