

Reference Number: FOIAH2425/268
From: Commercial
Date: 20 August 2024
Subject: Expenditure Sign Off Processes

Q1 I am writing regarding an FOI data request for your trust about expenditure sign off processes

A1 [Please see attached 268 FOI Response](#)

	Question	Response
Q1	Which ICB is your Trust in?	Cheshire and Mersey
Q2	In the financial year 2023-24, was your organisation in a deficit or surplus compared to your financial forecast?	We posted a £10.3m which was £2m adverse to our £12.3m plan due to industrial action.
Q3	Have you agreed to breakeven or be in surplus with your ICB by the end of the 2024-25 financial year?	The out-turn for 23/24 was a £10.3m surplus.
If you answered 'surplus' to Q2, please proceed to Q7. If you answered 'deficit' please answer all		
Q4 a)	In the financial year 2023-24, how many applications for investment have you submitted through the double lock sign off protocol?	Not applicable, as per A3
Q4 b)	In the financial year 2023-24, how many applications for investment have you submitted through the triple lock sign off protocol?	Not applicable, as per A3
Q5 a)	At the time of asking, how many applications for funding made by your Trust are currently being considered through the double lock protocol and what is the total value of these outstanding applications?	Not applicable, as per A3
Q5 b)	At the time of asking, how many applications for funding made by your Trust are currently being considered through the triple lock protocol and what is the total value of these outstanding applications?	Not applicable, as per A3
Q6 a)	Based on the experience of your organisation, on average how long does an application for funding take to be approved through the double lock sign off protocol?	Not applicable, as per A3
Q6 b)	Based on the experience of your organisation, on average how long does an application for funding take to be approved through the triple lock sign off protocol?	Not applicable, as per A3

Q7	Has the introduction of double and triple lock sign off protocols improved the financial sustainability of your organisation?	Having considered this question, we do not deem that the questions meet the criteria for a valid request for information as it is asking for perspective and opinion rather than recorded data or information held by the Trust.
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