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Subject: Spending on Corporate and hospitality events

REQUEST

I would like to receive information relating to costs spent by the trust/board for the following-

1. Refreshments/catering relating to corporate/board meetings, both internal and external, where costs are incurred to facilitate said meetings.
2. Corporate meeting events and corporate hospitality events, any of which may be held on or off trust premises, alongside costs for hiring event spaces and catering if applicable.
3. I would like to receive information on whether the catering was provided internally and/or externally and broken down into costs for each company or service commissioned to do so. (I.e, spice of life restaurant, catering provided by external companies such as Subway, or goods received from catering companies who provide patient catering services.
4. I would like to know if the trust/boards members have a set allocated budget for such costs above set annually, if so, what is the budget. If not, the budget spent for the last 2 financial years pertaining to that.

RESPONSE

1. Board meetings – each director pays a monthly sum, via a salary deduction, to cover the cost of the beverages and lunch at the monthly Board meetings. Therefore, these are not a cost to the Trust.
2. External corporate events such as the annual staff awards are paid for by ticket sales and sponsorship and are at no cost to the NHS.

3. The catering for the board is provided by Medirest the Trust Facilities Management partner @Whiston Hospital.
4. As per answer 1