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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230512.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

### **Payment of NHS Trust Suppliers**

**For the period between June 2022 and January 2023, please provide the statistics as follows:**

- **The average number of days taken to make payments to suppliers, measured from the date of receipt of invoice or other notice to the date the cash is received by the supplier**

The average number of days to make payments to suppliers, measured from the date notified within our system to the date paid was 15.3 days.

- **The percentage of payments made within the reporting period which were paid in 30 days or fewer, between 31 and 60 days, and in 61 days or longer**

The percentage of payments (based on value) made within the reporting period was:

	Percentage
30 days or fewer	95.4%
between 31 and 60 days	1.6%
61 Days or longer	3.0%

- **The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period**

The percentage of payments due within the reporting period which were not paid within the agreed payment period was 5.0%

Agreed payment period is taken in line with the Better Code of Practice, to pay all suppliers within 30 calendar days of receipt of goods or valid invoice according to the NHS Group Accounting Manual:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dhsc-group-accounting-manual-2022-to-2023>

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator**

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