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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/09/06.

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

1. Losses and special payments

Please provide a copy of your losses and special payments register or database for the year 2016-17. I would expect this information to include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- a) Category of loss or special payment (e.g. bad debt, fruitless payment, compensation payment made under legal obligation) as defined in relevant losses and special payments policy or procedure documents.
- b) A summary of the loss
- c) Amount paid out in £ Sterling (or other currency)
- d) Debtor name (where that debtor is a company or disclosure of a person's name is permitted by the data protection provisions of s.40)

	No.	Total cost (£)	Comment
Fleet	410	£176,308	Expenses for damages and repairs to vehicles that were the Trusts financial responsibility. Costs are made up of invoices from various suppliers.
Drugs	592	£757	Lost or broken drug ampules mainly sourced through NHS Supply Chain
Medical Equipment	966	£412,172	Loss of equipment in the course of ambulance activity mainly vacuum mattresses left at hospitals. This is the gross loss value as the Trust does recover some of the losses.
Estates	99	£55,989	Expenses for damages to properties that were the Trusts financial responsibility. Costs are made up of invoices from various suppliers.
Sub total	2,067	£645,225	

Out of court settlement	20	£88,304	Settlement damages paid via NHS Litigation Authority - names cannot be provided.
Staff overpayments	134	£172,787	Overpayments made through the Trust payroll - names cannot be provided.
Total	2,221	£906,317	

2. Bad debts

a) Please state how much bad debt was written off in the year 2016-17.

b) If, and only if, you hold the information in an easily retrievable format, i.e. not in individual case files, please state how much of this bad debt was non-NHS and/or private patient debt write offs and/or overseas visitors related.

There were no bad debts for the financial year to March 2017. The majority of the Trusts income is derived from NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups.

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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