

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 7 February 2013

Public Authority: Camden & Islington Foundation Trust

Address: St Pancras Hospital
4 St Pancras Way
London NW1 0PE

Decision (including any steps ordered)

1. The complainant has requested information relating to the expenses claimed by directors of the Camden & Islington Foundation Trust (the Trust).
2. The Commissioner's decision is that the Trust has breached section 10(1) of the FOIA by providing its response outside of the statutory time limit of 20 working days. The Commissioner does not require the Trust to take any steps as a result of this notice.

Request and response

3. On 24 July 2012, the complainant wrote to the Trust and requested information in the following terms:

*"Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with the following information:

details of all expenses claimed by directors of the Trust (executive and non-executive) from 1 January 2011 to date."*
4. The Trust acknowledged the request on 27 July 2012 but provided no further response.
5. The complainant contacted the Commissioner on 4 September to bring to his attention the failure of the Trust to respond to his request.
6. Following intervention by the Commissioner the Trust issued a response on 22 November 2012.

Scope of the case

7. The complainant contacted the Commissioner on 19 November 2012 to complain about the way his request for information had been handled.
8. The Commissioner considers the scope of this case to be to determine if the Trust has complied with section 10 of the FOIA.

Reasons for decision

9. Section 10(1) of the FOIA states that on receipt of a request for information a public authority should respond to the applicant within 20 working days.
10. In this case the Trust acknowledged receipt of the request but did not provide its response within the statutory timeframe. The Commissioner has therefore found that it breached section 10(1) of the FOIA.

Right of appeal

11. Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0300 1234504

Fax: 0116 249 4253

Email: informationtribunal@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/courts-and-tribunals/tribunals/information-rights/index.htm

12. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
13. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

Signed

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