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Freedom of Information Request – FOI 138-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about the Trust Board.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Trust is not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already publicly available and reasonably accessible to you.

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https://www.2gether.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/Annual-Report-and-Accounts_2016-17_FINAL.pdf

Information on BME staff at the trust can be found via the following link
<https://www.2gether.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/wres-report2016.pdf>

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Yours sincerely,

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