General Dental Council: Information released under the Freedom of Information Act

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Request:

1. How many employees does the GDC have?
2. How many staff remain on furlough? If any have returned to work on what dates did they return? What future dates are planned for staff to return to work?
3. Are any staff on flexible furlough? If so, please provide details of the same? How long will this be implemented for?
4. The total costs to the GDC in relation to all furlough staff to the date of this request
5. The estimated predicted costs to the GDC to the end of the furlough scheme.
6. Are staff entitled to overtime? If so, have any staff claimed overtime since March 2020?
7. What is the total value to date of the claim to HMRC for furloughed staff?

Response:

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FoI Act). I can confirm that we hold the information requested.

I will answer your questions in turn below:

How many staff does the GDC have?

As of 18 August 2020, the GDC had 353 employees.

How many staff remain on Furlough? What future dates are staff planned to return to work?

No staff remain on furlough as of 18 August 2020. Following our earlier FOI response to you on 7 July, a total of 10 staff have returned from furlough – 2 on 21 July; 1 on 29 July; and 7 on 3 August 2020.

Are any staff on flexible furlough? If so, please provide details of the same. How long will this be implemented for?

There are currently no staff on flexible furlough as of 18 August 2020. There were 3 staff on flexible furlough during July, each working 1 day per week. They have all now returned to working full time.

What is the total cost to the GDC of furloughed staff to the date of this request?

The total cost to the GDC has been £13,166.46.

What are the estimated predicted costs to the GDC to the end of the Furlough scheme?

No further costs are anticipated.

Are staff entitled to overtime? If so, have any staff claimed any overtime since March 2020?

Yes, some staff are entitled to overtime payment, subject to controlled approval criteria. Some overtime has been worked since March 2020, where essential, but not in teams from which staff have been furloughed.
What is the total value to date of the claim to HMRC for furloughed staff?

The total value of the claims to HMRC is £101,491.64.