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Freedom of Information Act 2000: National Health Service expenditure

Thank you for your enquiry of 26 June 2019, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

*"Could you please tell me the annual expenditure of the NHS and how much of that is raised from National Insurance contributions.
I presume the shortfall is funded by the Treasury."*

I can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

Table 2 of the 2019 to 2020 financial directions to NHS England, published as part of the Government's accountability framework with NHS England and NHS Improvement, sets out a summary of the NHS's revenue and capital budgets for 2019-20 – this can be found on page 5. The NHS accountability framework is published by the Department of Health and Social Care and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-accountability-framework-2019-to-2020>

The Main Supply Estimates for 2019-20 sets out in line J of its Estimates, under Part II: Subhead detail, how much of the Department of Health and Social Care's expenditure is expected to be financed from National Insurance Contributions – this can be found on page 129. The Main Supply Estimates are published by the Treasury and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/main-supply-estimates-2019-to-2020>

Section 21 of the FOI Act does not oblige public authorities to reissue information which is already available. However, we have provided you with the links above to be helpful.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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