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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Agency Spend on Doctors

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response							Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. In the period 1st December 2024	1.									
 1st March 2025 what is your "on" Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums / Doctors (SHO up to Consultant) Please break down per month. 		Dec-24		Jan-25		Feb-25				
		Hours	Spend	Hours	Spend	Hours	Spend			
	Junior	144.50	£9,045.25	108.75	£6,416.02	74.25	£4,633.20			
	Middle Grade	2,033.25	£190,163.23	1,858.50	£168,226.83	1,770.75	£160,489.48			
	Consultant	4,406.50	£586,081.54	3,882.00	£507,848.59	3,776.25	£499,953.05			
2. In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your "Off" Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums/ Doctors (SPR up to consultant)? Please break down per mon Please provide a further breakdown by: spend per grade and spend per agency name.	2. Zero (0)									
3. Do you have an in-house temporary staffing team to manage your agency requests OR is this outsourced to a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider? – if	3. In-house									

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outsourced, what is the name of the company?			
4. If outsourced, what was the start date and expiry date of the contract with this provider?	4. N/A		
5. What is your current Bank staff fill rate for Medical Locums / Doctors?	5. 55.1%		
6. What is your current Agency fill rate for Medical Locums/ Doctors?	6. 40.6%		
7. How many agencies are currently supplying the Trust with Medical locums/ Doctors' staff and what are their names?	7. 19 Agencies currently have workers on assignment - D.R.C. Locums, HCL Doctors, Holt Doctors, ID Medical Group, Interact Medical, LAK Locums, Locum People, Locum Vision, Medacs Healthcare, Medecho, Medilink Consulting, National Locums, NC Healthcare, Pertemps Medical, ProMedical Personnel, Provide Medical, Pulse Healthcare, Total Assist Recruitment, Unite Medical		
8. Who is head of your procurement or temporary staffing team responsible for approving framework agencies who are wishing to join your preferred supplier list and what are their contact details?	sfh-tr.temporary.staffingoffice@nhs.net		

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

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Yours faithfully

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