

Maidstone and 
Tunbridge Wells

NHS Trust

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Agency Recruitment.

You asked:

- 1. How many doctors have been booked outside of IR35 since April 2017?*
- 2. What is your yearly trust spend on agency locum doctors via framework agencies, broken down into grade and specialty?*
- 3. What is your yearly trust spend on agency locum doctors via OFF-framework agencies, broken down into grade and specialty?*
- 4. What is your average total charge rate for a locum consultant doctor?*
- 5. Who is the highest paid locum Consultant, what is the hourly rate and in what specialty do they practice?*
- 6. Please can you outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and specialty of doctor over the past 12 months?*

Trust response:

1. None
2. £ 10,264,478
3. The Trust uses one Non Framework agency. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

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4. £103ph

5. £119ph Care of the Elderly (name not supplied as this is confidential)

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