

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6694

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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 usage.

*You asked:*

- 1. For the last year (2020-2021) please supply a list of the agencies the trust uses for medical locums.*
- 2. A breakdown of the monetary spend per agency for Medical Locums*
- 3. Please supply the total number of days worked by locum RMO's or junior doctors for 2020-2021 at your trust.*
- 4. The hourly rate paid to agencies supplying casual RMO's or junior doctors.*

Trust response:

1.
  - A&E
  - Charterhouse Medical
  - Doctors on Call
  - DRC Locums
  - Fresh Medical
  - Holt Doctors
  - Locum Vision
  - Medacs
  - Medecho
  - Mediplacements (TPG)
  - Medsol
  - My Locum
  - NC Healthcare
  - Pertemps
  - ProMedical

- Provide
- RM Medics
- TLC (Recruitment Express Limited)
- TXM Healthcare

2. 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.

#### Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: [www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/)

For details of the Trust Agency spend please click on the Freedom of information tab on the home page and then click on Data to Support FOI FAG's and then the Finance dropdown and the response will be shown.

Alternatively please use the following link:

<https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/> further more detailed information will not be released.

3.

a. 6,782 days for junior doctors.

RMO covers 336 days

4.

a. The pay rates vary and cover a range of hourly rates