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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 Doctors.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

*I'd like to obtain information in relation to Trust expenditure on doctor recruitment through external agencies during the 2023/24 financial year and 2024/25 financial year to date (05/11/24), via the Freedom of Information Act 2000:*

- 1. How much did the Trust spend on agency locum doctors during the 2023/24 financial year? Can you please provide a breakdown of how much was spent per grade of doctor, specialty of doctor and the number of total hours booked in each specialty*
- 2. Can you please name which agencies provided the locum doctors relevant to the answer to my previous question (question 1) and the number of hours each agency provided?*
- 3. How much did the Trust spend on agency fees/costs when recruiting doctors to fixed term or permanent contracts via external agency during each period (i.e. where an introductory fee was charged)? Can you please provide a breakdown of how much was spent per grade of doctor, specialty of doctor and the number of doctors successfully deployed.*
- 4. Can you please name which agencies provided the work/doctors outlined in question 3 and how many doctors each one has successfully provided to the Trust?*
- 5. Has the Trust conducted any overseas trips since 2022 to conduct recruitment activities for doctors? If yes, please state how much was spent on each separate visit, which agency was partnered with (if any) and how many doctors were successfully hired (and started in post at the hospital) as a result of each visit.*

Trust response:

1. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/recent-foi-responses/> the link should take you to the Data to Support FOI FAQ's page where you need to click on the Finance dropdown.

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the Freedom of Information Tab, then the Data to Support FOI FAQ's tab and then the Finance dropdown at the bottom of the page where you will find all the information. If the document does not open please copy and paste the link into your browser.

Please note the spreadsheet takes some time to download.

This information is updated on a regular basis and is exempt under Section 22 of the Act.

2. No agencies used.
3. Zero, no agencies used
4. See above answer
5. No