

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 9529

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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.

- 1. Please confirm how many Temporary Doctors jobs were filled by agencies and provide a breakdown of the specialty and grade between June 2024 and October 2024.*
- 2. Please confirm your agency spend for Temporary Doctors between June 2024 and October 2024. can this be broken down by grade and specialty?*
- 3. Please confirm how many agency Temporary Doctor jobs were filled by off-framework agencies, and the spend attached to this.*
- 4. Please can you confirm if a DE platform / PSL or tiered system is in place if so, please confirm the structure.*
- 5. What is the DE to non-DE spend from June 2024 to October 2024?*
- 6. Does the Trust have a projected agency usage plan for the coming year, and are there specific goals for reducing agency dependency?*
- 7. Long-Term Cost-Reduction Strategy: Is there a long-term strategy in place to reduce agency doctor costs or transition to alternative staffing models?*

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.

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3. None.
4. No
5. Zero.
6. 10% YOY
7. Yes, to zero.