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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1. What is the breakdown of the total number of non-medical positions filled by external recruitment agencies (permanent or contract positions) from April 2007 to March 2008 and April 2008 to January 2009.**
- 2. How much was spent by the Trust on agency fees for the non-medical positions relative to all agency fees paid for the periods requested.**

Please note that we are unable to disclose this information under the Freedom of Information Act, subject to the following;

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If you are not satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Lorraine Hesketh, Communications Manager on 01942 822159. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Foster**  
Chief Executive

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