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Ref: FOI/2025/10677

Date Received: 15th April 2025

Response Due: 16th May 2025

Date: 14th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th April 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2024/25) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:

- 1. Number of hours filled? 528
- 2. Broken down by grade/specialty?

Palliative Care Consultant

- 3. Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency? 1 agency £66,000.
- **4.** Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)? One used, £125 per hr, Consultant Palliative Care
- 5. Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)? £125
- 6. Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?

Elaine Middleton, Head of Medical Workforce

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Juliette Tait Chief People Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111