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Response Due: 20th May 2025

Date: 20th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17th 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:

1. In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “on” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums / Doctors (SHO up to Consultant) Please break down per month.
Please see tab “Q1” on the attached.

2. In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “Off” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums/ Doctors (SPR up to consultant)? Please break down per month.
No off-framework usage.

Please provide a further breakdown by: spend per grade and spend per agency name.
N/A.

3. Do you have an in-house temporary staffing team to manage your agency requests OR is this outsourced to a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider? – if outsourced, what is the name of the company?
Yes, we have an in-house team.

4. If outsourced, what was the start date and expiry date of the contract with this provider?
N/A.

5. What is your current Bank staff fill rate for Medical Locums / Doctors?
Please see tab “Q5&6” on the attached.

6. What is your current Agency fill rate for Medical Locums/ Doctors?

Please see tab "Q5&6" on the attached.

7. How many agencies are currently supplying the Trust with Medical locums/ Doctors' staff and what are their names?

Please see tab "Q7" on the attached.

8. Who is head of your procurement or temporary staffing team responsible for approving framework agencies who are wishing to join your preferred supplier list and what are their contact details?

Elaine Middleton, Head of Medical Workforce.

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Please note: Your questions have been answered with assistance from Liaison Group.

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,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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