



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

## Information Governance Department

Suite 9  
Buckingham Row  
Brick Kiln Lane  
Wigan  
WN1 1XX

Email: [foi@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@wwl.nhs.uk)

Web: [www.wwl.nhs.uk](http://www.wwl.nhs.uk)

Ref: FOI/2025/10904

Date Received: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Response Due: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9<sup>th</sup> July 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. Please provide the total amount spent on locum Doctors across all departments. for 2025 YTD and 2024.**

	2024/25	2025/26 YTD
Total Spend	£6,299,484.69.	£1,426,865.89.

- 2. Can you break down the percentage spent on bank/locum Doctor spend on the last year (2024) to the most recent records you have, compared to the year before (2023)?**

	2023/24	2024/25
Agency	52.40%	47.60%
Bank	58.55%	41.45%

- 3. How many Doctor vacancies do you currently have within the Trust that have been vacant for over 6 months?**

11.

- 4. Do you have any cost-saving measures in place?**

Yes. Greater Manchester locum rate card, growing bank, invest to save increased posts in A&E/Medicine to fill the gaps and joint recruitment with Edge Hill University to appoint to hard to fill posts.

**5. Locum-to-permanent ratio: How many locum doctors are currently employed versus permanent doctor staff, and what is the rationale for using locums instead of permanent?**

30.15 locum doctor's vs 648 substantive doctors. Rational to use locums are due to hard to fill consultant posts/sickness/restricted duties/part time junior doctors and extra demand due to escalation.

**6. Please share which departments have the highest locum doctor spend due to them not being able to fill hard-to-fill roles?**

Haematology.

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

**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