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Response Due: 28th October 2025

Date: 22nd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30th September 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Does the organisation use a third party to manage/ track WLI spend?

Yes, NHSP for Bank and Agency.

a. If no, does your organisation use another method to manage/ track WLI spend?

The Trust does not use a third party to track WLI's for medics as it is all managed in house with timesheets to payroll/

2. How much did the organisation spend on agency (non-contract) staff and internal bank staff for the financial year 24/25 (April 2024 - March 2025)? Please fill in the spend in the table below for each staffing group and total.

Please see the table below.

3. How much did the organisation spend on Waiting List Initiative (WLI) and Overtime payments to staff

The Trust is unable to split the WLI and overtime payments for medics or unable to determine what the others were. However, in 2024/25 the total WLI/overtime spend for medics was £5,282,669.86.

(WLI payments refers to any sessional payments made for additional time worked under a system called the Waiting List Initiative, used by trusts to reduce waiting lists and meet government targets. Overtime payments are defined as any payment for additional time beyond the standard FTE for the grade). Please fill in the spend and number of sessions/hours in the below table for each staffing group and total.

	Q1. Temporary Staff Spend		Q2. Waiting List Initiative & Overtime Spend			
Staffing Groups	Agency Spend (£)	Bank Spend (£)	WLI Payments to staff (£)	WLI Sessions (No.)	Overtime Payments to Staff (£)	Overtime Hours (No.)
Total	£7,074,849.65	£24,550,009.49	The Trust is unable to split the WLI and overtime payments and are unable to determine what the hours were. However, in 2024/25 the total WLI/overtime spend for medics was £5,282,669.86.			
Medical and Dental	£6,299,484.69	£4,460,165.31				
Nursing and Healthcare Assistants	£261,797.98	£18,252,119.66				
Administration and Estates	£0	£654,676.28				
Healthcare Science	£226,425.43	£329,577.78				
Scientific, Therapeutic and Technical Staff (STT) inclusive of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)	£287,141.55	£853,470.46				
Ambulance staff	N/A	N/A				

Please note: Your questions have been answered with assistance from NHS Professionals and 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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The Information Commissioner's Office
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