

# Freedom of Information Request

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## Information Requested:

1. Please could you provide me a breakdown of the locum agency doctor spend for the last financial year? Please break this down in to specialty and grades?  
£ 4,352,394. The Trust does not hold the breakdown spend at a more detailed level as the information requested is not collected in a way that would enable this data extraction. As such the Trust is not able to identify the breakdown without a manual trawl of all records. This would exceed the time and cost limits as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).
  2. Please could you provide me a breakdown of the permanent doctor vacancies across the trust? Please break this down into specialty and grades?  
The Trust currently have 6 Consultant vacancies and 5 Specialty Doctor vacancies
  3. Please could you confirm how many agency locums are currently in post on long term agency contracts? In the last 6 months and year?  
The Trust currently have 5 agency locums who have been working for 12months or more and 3 agency locums who have been working 6m to 12m
  4. Please could you provide how much the trust have paid to agencies for introductory fees?  
The Trust have not paid any introductory fees to agencies
  5. Please provide details of any overseas recruitment campaigns that the trust have taken part in for the recruitment of doctors?  
The Trust have not conducted any overseas recruitment campaigns
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## Response:

The Trust does not hold any reportable information on its clinical systems. The activity is not collected in a way that would enable this data extraction. As such the Trust are not able to identify the number of patients without a manual trawl of all records. This would exceed the time and cost limits as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

## Exemption: Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) "the appropriate limit" means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
  - (a) by one person, or

(b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

(5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

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