

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

- The total amount the trust spent on agency/locum doctors for the following years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - breaking this information down by speciality and grade.

Locality	Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
		0000's (£)	0000's (£)	0000 (£)	0000 (£)	0000 (£)
North	Total spend	1,368	1398	1,789	2,271	1,620
South	Total spend	2,715	2,805	2,446	2,467	1,995

- What is the highest hourly/shift rate paid to an agency or locum doctor at any point in the following years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - please include job title and date.

The Trust is unable to provide all of the information requested. This is because some information, pre-merger, is not easily available. In order to collate the data would require a manual trawl of a high number of records which 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).

However, please see below information the Trust is able to provide.

Locality	Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
		(£) Excl VAT	(£) Excl VAT	(£) Excl VAT	(£) Excl VAT	(£) Excl VAT
North	Highest hourly rate	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
	Date	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
	Grade	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
South	Highest hourly rate	Not available	89.98	84.00	85.06	97.00
	Date	Not available	16/19/2013	30/11/2015	20/06/2016	04/07/2016
	Grade	Not available	Consultant	Consultant	Consultant	Consultant

Applied 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