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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### ***Requested information:***

1. In the period 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 please provide a breakdown of:  
Total Trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- Spend per grade.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per agency name.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

2. In the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 please provide a breakdown of:  
Total Trust spend with off-framework agencies for locum doctors.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- Spend per grade.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per agency name.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

3. In the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 please provide a breakdown of:  
Total Trust spend with the internal Trust bank or associated external provider for locum doctors.

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- Spend per grade.
- Spend per specialty.
- Spend per internal or associated external provider.

<b>Total Locum Bank Costs Feb 24 - Apr 24</b>	<b>Spend £000</b>
Bank Consultant	269
Bank Specialist Doctor	46

**All bank staff are sourced internally. Bank information is not available by Specialty.**

4. Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st February 2024 to 30th April 2024.

**The Trust does not set budgets for agency locum doctors. Budgets are set for substantive medics as part of the clinical directorate budget setting process. Any underspends against the substantive pay budgets due to vacancies will then partly offset the agency locum costs of covering the vacancy.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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Locum Spend per Grade	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Consultant	186,532	220,638	142,236	549,406
Speciality Dr	33,532	32,675	36,144	102,350
GP	41,907	23,779	16,687	82,373
SHO	-	-	8,440	8,440
	<b>261,971</b>	<b>277,091</b>	<b>203,506</b>	<b>742,569</b>

Locum Spend per Speciality				
LD	48,277	54,346	33,509	136,132
Substance Misuse	12,577	12,854	16,173	41,604
Community	159,210	186,112	137,138	482,460
Primary Care	41,907	23,779	16,687	82,373
	<b>261,971</b>	<b>277,091</b>	<b>203,506</b>	<b>742,569</b>

Locum Spend by Agency					On/Off Framework
Locum People	9,819	4,457	11,204	25,479	On Framework
RIG Healthcare	33,050	53,100	35,204	121,355	On Framework
CAMHS Professionals Limited	25,151	30,421	18,566	74,138	On Framework
ID Medical	29,970	20,730	14,943	65,643	On Framework
Locum Vision	53,171	46,306	45,699	145,177	On Framework
Global Medics Ltd	32,554	44,177	15,902	92,633	On Framework
Athona Limited	22,107	22,566	17,071	61,744	On Framework
Pulse Healthcare Ltd	15,508	18,399	11,477	45,385	On Framework
Unite Medical Limited	5,578	9,962	7,833	23,372	On Framework
Interact Medical	-	-	480	480	On Framework
NC Healthcare	-	-	8,440	8,440	On Framework
Private Company	35,063	26,975	16,687	78,725	Off Framework
	<b>261,971</b>	<b>277,091</b>	<b>203,506</b>	<b>742,569</b>	
On Framework	226,908	250,117	186,819	663,844	
Off Framework	35,063	26,975	16,687	78,725	