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Dear

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

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 4<sup>th</sup> September 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:***

I am writing to make an official request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I seek details regarding the use of off framework agency by your Trust for locum doctors and would like to request the following information:

- Do you currently have psychiatry locums working in your Trust?
- How many locums are working in your Trust?
- What grades/ specialities?
- What is the highest charge rate you are paying?
- What is the average charge rate?
- Do you have off framework agencies you work with?
- How many locums work via off framework agencies?
- What is the process for off framework agency bookings?
- Who is the decision maker for off framework agency bookings?

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

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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**Deputy Director of Governance**

	<b>Mental Health and LD Directorates</b>	<b>Primary Care- General Practice</b>
Do you currently have psychiatry locums working in your Trust?	Yes	Yes
How many locums are working in your Trust?		8 The numbers of locums varies within General Practice and cover short falls as a result of GP vacancies or annual leave. Locum cover is kept to a minimum.
What grades/specialities?	Consultants in Adult Community, Adult Inpatient, Old Age, CAMHS, Learning Disabilities, Eating Disorders and Specialty Doctor in Gen Adult and CAMHS	N/A
What is the highest charge rate you are paying?	£140 per hour	£110 per hour for GP Locum
What is the average charge rate?	£114.83 per hour	£85 - £110 per hour
Do you have off framework agencies you work with?	No	Yes
How many locums work via off framework agencies?		0 0
What is the process for off framework agency bookings?	N/A	N/A
Who is the decision maker for off framework agency bookings?	N/A	N/A