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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 14th April 2025. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2024/25) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:

1. Number of hours filled. **Approx. 2,440 hours**
2. Broken down by grade/specialty.

Grade	£
Consultant	1,434,849
Speciality Doctor	360,460
ANP	3,967
GP	335,128
SHO	9,610
Total	2,144,013

3. Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency.

Agency	£
North Staffordshire GP Federation	1,679
LB5354 Ltd	700
Livestones Ltd	20,750
Key Medical Service	46,992
Loreto Drake	8,325
Dr M Emara	3,400
Holistic Primary Care Ltd	17,650
Olanihun Care Ltd	900
F & A Drs Ltd	700
Dr E Benke	675
Dr Anum's Ltd	1,050
Arms Healthcare Ltd	600
Total	103,421

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4. Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/ specialty). **£150 per hour - on call GP.**
5. Average off-framework charge rates per grade/ specialty (if available).

The Trust does hold this information but not in a reportable format. To supply this information would require a manual trawl of invoices. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit Fees) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are refusing your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000.

6. Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies. **This is provided through Retinue & Day Webster for all locums.**

Staff names and email addresses are exempt as they constitute personal data and would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 (in accordance with qualified exemption S40 (2)(a) of the FOI Act).

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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