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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15th August 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:

1. In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 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.

2. In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 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.

3. In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 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.

For Internal bank data, please see table below.

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Grade	Speciality	May - 25	Jun - 25	Jul - 25
Consultant	ACUTE SERVICES	23,857	23,857	22,661
Consultant	ADULT MH	22,855	27,196	29,930
Consultant	OLDER ADULTS	15,022	1,841	(12,859)
Consultant	LD & CAMHS INPATIENTS	23,397	13,737	23,397
Consultant	NEURO & REHAB	19,165	13,599	21,189
Staff Grade	SUBSTANCE MISUSE	10,977	7,297	5,825
Totals		115,274	87,528	90,144

- Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025. **The Trust does not have budget for agency medics; budgets are set for the substantive medic posts only.**
- Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your Trust.

Information relating to Trust agency spend up to 30th June 2025 can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency Information.

July data is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is intended for future publication.

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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