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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 6th November 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 August 2024 to 31st October 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 August 2024 to 31st October 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 August 2024 to 31st October 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.

Information relating to Trust agency and bank spend can be found here [Finance - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust](#) under Agency and Bank Information.

Please note breakdown by grade data is not available.

4. Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st August 2024 to 31st October 2025. **No budget allocated.**
5. Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your Trust. **Health Trust Europe (HTE) TWS 3 Framework.**

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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