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I am responding to your request for information received 11 October 2023. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

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**Interim Chief Executive Officer:** Lorraine Sunduza  
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**Request:**

**Question 1:** Firstly, please could you tell me the NHS agency/locum spending cap/ceiling agreed at the start of this financial year.

**Question 2:** Secondly, please could you send me the following data from the financial plans submitted at the start of the year, giving the planned positions for each month from M1 to M12:

1. **Trust financial position (revenue expenditure)**
  - a) **Planned surplus/deficit**
  - b) **Planned expenditure**
2. **Workforce expenditure**
  - a) **Planned agency/locum spend**
  - b) **Planned bank spend**
  - c) **Planned total staff expenditure**
3. **Efficiency savings**
  - a) **Planned efficiency savings**

**Question 3:** Finally, please could you send me the following data for each month of this financial year to date:

1. **Trust financial position**
  - a) **Actual surplus/deficit, and forecast outturn for M12**
  - b) **Actual expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12**
2. **Workforce expenditure**
  - a) **Actual agency/locum spend, and forecast outturn for M12**
  - b) **Actual bank spend, and forecast outturn for M12**
  - c) **Actual spend relating to industrial action, and forecast outturn for M12**
  - d) **Actual total staff expenditure, and forecast outturn for M12**
3. **Efficiency savings**
  - a) **Achieved efficiency savings, and forecast outturn for M12**
4. **Prescribing costs**
  - a) **Actual spend relating to prescribing, and forecast outturn for M12**

**Answer:** Please see attached Appendix 1.



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