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I am responding to your request for information received 17 April 2025. 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

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Request:

Question 1: In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “on” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums / Doctors (SHO up to Consultant) Please break down per month.

Answer: Please see table below:

	Total Agency Expenditure (£)				Number of hours filled
Speciality	December 2024	January 2025	February - 2025	March 2025	
Agency Medical Consultant	The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.				
Agency Junior Doctor ST1/CT1					
Agency Junior Doctor ST3	Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: <i>Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—</i> <i>(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and</i> <i>(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.</i>				
Agency Med Otr Career Gd					
Agency Med SHO & HO	The Trust has recently moved systems and does not record or have access to a reliable central source that would indicate whether such a booking was on or off framework. This is because there are multiple frameworks that an agency might be on for a variety of booking options. They may have been on the framework at the time of the booking but are no longer on the framework or they may have joined the framework after the booking but weren't on it at the time. The Trust is therefore unable to provide this information.				
Agency Med SPR					
Agency Other Medical					
Grand total	Under S16 of the FOI Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. As such the Trust can provide data for the last 30 days or the total expenditure without being broken down by on/off framework. If this is helpful then please submit a new request outlining your refined requirements.				

Question 2: In the period 1st December 2024 – 1st March 2025 what is your “Off” Framework Agency expenditure and total number of hours filled for Medical Locums/ Doctors (SPR up to consultant)? Please break down per month.

Please provide a further breakdown by: spend per grade and spend per agency name.

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Question 3: Do you have an in-house temporary staffing team to manage your agency requests OR is this outsourced to a Master Vendor or Neutral Vendor provider? – if outsourced, what is the name of the company?

Answer: The Trust has an in-house temporary staffing team to manage agency requests.

Question 4: If outsourced, what was the start date and expiry date of the contract with this provider?

Answer: Not applicable

Question 5: What is your current Bank staff fill rate for Medical Locums / Doctors?

Answer: 57% of Medical Locums/ Doctors are currently filled by bank staff.

Question 6: What is your current Agency fill rate for Medical Locums/ Doctors?

Answer: The current agency fill rate for Medical Locums/ Doctors is 22%.

Question 7: How many agencies are currently supplying the Trust with Medical locums/ Doctors' staff and what are their names?

Answer: Athona, ID Medical, Interact Medical, Pulse.

Question 8: Who is head of your procurement or temporary staffing team responsible for approving framework agencies who are wishing to join your preferred supplier list and what are their contact details?

Answer: Barbara Britner. Interim Chief People Officer.
Email: barbara.britner@nhs.net



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