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Thank you for your request concerning the trusts spent on agency/locum doctors.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) The total amount the trust spent on agency/locum doctors for the following years; 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - breaking this information down by speciality and grade.

Date	Spend
2012/2013	£931,938
2013/2014	£1,435,320
2014/2015	£1,972,597
2015/2016	£2,007,00
2016/2017	£1,682,255

We are unable to provide a breakdown by speciality as the Trust does not report agency locum doctors in this way¹.

2) What is the highest hourly/shift rate paid to an agency or locum doctor at any point in the following years; 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - please include job title and date.

Date	Spend	Job Title
2012/2013	*	*
2013/2014	*	*
2014/2015	*	*
2015/2016	*	*
2016/2017	£80 per hour	Consultant

The figure for 2016/2017 is the amount including expenses paid to the agency doctor, not the full cost to the Trust.

¹ S1 Do not hold this information

*The Trust did not report on individual agency locum payment rates prior to FY 2016/17.

Under section 12 of the FOIA a public authority does not have to comply with a request for information if the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. For example based on the number of invoices from 2012/13 to 2015/16 there were approximately 3,000 invoices relating to agency or locum doctor pay.

It is estimated that it would take approximately 3 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each invoice i.e. 150 hours @ £25ph = £3,750.00

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Farrell

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

