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Thank you for your request concerning locum agency spend.

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

1. Please could you provide me a breakdown of the locum agency doctor spend for the last financial year? Please break this down in to speciality and grades.

Our Medical Agency Locums spend for 2018/19 was £1,293k. As previously explained we are unable to provide a breakdown by speciality as the Trust does not report agency locum doctors in this way.

2. Please could you provide me a breakdown of the permanent doctor vacancies across the trust? Please break this down into speciality and grades.

We have 20 permanent doctor vacancies made up of 16 consultants and 4 Specialty Doctors vacancies

3. Please could you confirm how many agency locums are currently in post on long term agency contracts? In the last 6 months and year

None, all Agency Doctors are booked on monthly basis in line with NHSi guidelines.

4. Please could you provide how much the trust have paid to agencies for introductory fees?

We do not hold this information because we do not record introductory fees separately¹.

5. Please provide details of any overseas recruitment campaigns that the trust have taken part in for the recruitment of doctors?

Not applicable. There were no campaigns held overseas

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

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

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer

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](#).

