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Request:

See attached

Response:

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see your original letter attached which has been completed as far as possible with the information you have requested.

The Trust provides a complaints procedure to deal with complaints about the Trust's handling of requests for information. If you feel you need to make a complaint, in the first instance, you should contact a Non-Executive Director via the Chair of the Trust. If you feel you have exhausted our internal complaints procedure, you also have the right and may feel you wish to write to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted on telephone number 01625 545740 or at www.ico.gov.uk.

Dear Freedom of Information group,

We are a research group from London universities currently conducting academic research on the use of locum doctors by hospitals or practices.

Could you please provide us with information on the following questions regarding the use of locum doctors for the last financial year:

1. How much did you spend last year on:
 - a. Permanent doctor salaries?
 - b. Locum doctor salaries?

In a tabular form, for your ease of use, please fill in the table below:

	Amount Spent (£):
Permanent Doctor Salaries	19,352,915.46
Locum Doctor Salaries	5,043,579.84
Total Doctor Salaries	24,396,495.30

2. How much did you spend on locum salaries broken down into
 - a. Internal locum salaries (doctors provided via the hospital's staff bank)?
 - b. External locum salaries (locums employed via agencies, including the commission fees paid to the agencies)?

	Amount Spent (£):
Internal Locum Salaries	
External Locum Salaries	5,043,579.84

3. Of the amount spent on external locums salaries, what was an indicative percentage spent on agency fees/commissions?

Unknown

6. How much was spent on locum doctors by:

- a. Specialty (e.g medicine, surgery, anaesthetics, ITU/HDU, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry, ophthalmology, emergency department, GP, pathology, radiology) and
- b. Level

We do not capture financial data at this detailed level so cannot provide a breakdown.

7. Please provide an average hourly rate for locums by specialty and level as above.

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For your ease of use, please modify the table below to answer Questions 6 & 7

	Specialty											
Level	Medicine*	Surgery**	Anaesthetics	ITU/HDU	O&G	Paediatrics	Psychiatry	Ophthalmology	ED/A&E	GP	Pathology	Radiology

Key

*medicine = acute medicine, allergy, audiological medicine, cardiology, clinical genetics, clinical neurophysiology, clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, dermatology, endocrinology & diabetes, Gastroenterology, General (internal medicine), Genitourinary medicine, Geriatric medicine, Haematology, Immunology, Infectious Disease, Medical Oncology, Medical Ophthalmology, Metabolic medicine, Neurology, Nuclear medicine, Paediatric cardiology, Palliative medicine, Pharmaceutical medicine, Rehabilitation medicine, Renal medicine, Respiratory medicine, Rheumatology, Sport & exercise medicine, stroke medicine

**surgery = Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Oral and maxillofacial surgery, Otolaryngology, Paediatric surgery, Plastic or reconstructive surgery, Trauma and orthopaedic surgery, Urology.