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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 80-2021**

Thank you for your email dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, requesting information in relation to medical agency cascade.

The information that you require is as follows:

**In relation to your supply of medical (doctor) temporary workers, please could you provide the answers to the following questions?**

- 1) Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade? Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.**  
**Vacancies are uploaded to the Liaison software, TempRE by medical workforce. These are then published to all Tier 1 agencies listed within the TempREe system. Only the agencies agreed as Tier 1 are available within TempRE.**

**Agencies on the list to cascade to:**

- **Athona**
- **Interact medical**
- **RIG locums**
- **ID medical**
- **Accident & Emergency agency**
- **HCL**
- **Medacs**
- **Pulse**
- **TXM**
- **Total Assist recruitment**
- **LAK locums**
- **Holt Doctors**
- **Surgi-call locums**

- **Pathology group**

- 2) **Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.**

**Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 the have been 15739.59 hours booked through TempRE.**

- 3) **What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?**

**Following approval by Finance and the Trust Establishment Control Panel, the vacancy would be uploaded in to TempRE.**

- 4) **When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?**

**These arrangements are on place until January 2022.**

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.