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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 132-2021**

Thank you for your email dated the 7<sup>th</sup> May, requesting information in relation to Medical Locums/Agency Doctors.

The information that you require is as follows:

1. **What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency doctors and who is responsible for managing them?**

**Agency Doctors are procured through Liaison and the contract is managed by Chris Thompson, Head Medical Workforce.**

2. **Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Doctors?**

**Chris Thompson, Head of Medical Workforce**

3. **How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?**

**4**

4. **Of these agencies, how many are off framework – please list them?**

**0**

5. **Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?**

**0**

6. **Who is your highest paid agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?**

**Speciality – Haematology, Pay rate £110 per hour**

7. Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 6 months?

Agency Name	Grade	Specialty	Total Spend
Athona Ltd	ST2	Haematology	£14,561.37
HCL Doctors	ST3	Oncology	£7,417.54
Holt Doctors	ST1	General internal medicine	£1,221.67
ID Medical	CON	Haematology	£76,924.83
ID Medical	FY2	General Internal Medicine	£114,616.49
ID Medical	FY2	Haematology	£24,797.33
ID Medical	ST1	General Internal Medicine	£13,029.69
ID Medical	ST1	Haematology	£39,952.86

8. Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Doctors In place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?

**No Master Vendor agreement in place**

9. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What is your current average % fill rate from your Master Vendor Provider for Medical Locums for the past 6 months?

**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 8**

10. If you have a Master Vendor in place, How many hours of work for medical locums have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?

**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 8**

11. If you have a Master Vendor in place, What % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?

**Not Applicable, see answer to Question 8**

12. What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Doctors?

**£0**

13. Does the trust utilise a Direct Engagement method of payment for agency doctors and if so whom?

**Yes, Liaison**

**14. What % of Agency Doctors are paid via Direct Engagement Method?  
And Outside of Direct Engagement?**

**100% are paid via Direct Engagement.**

**15. How many doctors working are Deemed Outside of IR35 working at  
the trust?**

**0**

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.

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

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