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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 66- 2018

Thank you for your email dated 29th March 2018 requesting various information with regard to trust spend on agency/locum doctors.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 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.**

Annual Spend:

2012/13 £369k
2013/14 £614k
2014/15 £262k
2015/16 £548k
2016/17 £587k

Speciality

Oncology

Grade

Unfortunately, we are unable to break this information down by grade as our finance systems do not hold this information for the time period requested. This is due to the fact that it has only become a requirement to capture rates of pay and grade for NHSI returns during 2017-18.

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.

2016/2017	£156.25ph	Consultant Radiologist	March 2017
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Following a scoping exercise completed by our Workforce & Organisational Development Department it has become evident that to meet the full requirements of question 2, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. As the information requested is not held centrally, in order to collate this information would require us to recall the information from storage, and have a staff member to manually review a large number of invoices, and extract the requested information.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the "appropriate limit".

If you narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to provide the information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request.

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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>