

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

FOI 3000

Agency

1 - Please can you separately tell me the total amount spent by the Trust on agency nurses and locum doctors during the periods:

April 2013 to March 2014	Agency Nursing spend £865,041	Agency
Medics spend £8,917,376		
April 2014 to September 2014	Agency Nursing spend £918,393	Agency
Medics spend £5,923,656		

For clarification purposes, an 'agency nurse' or 'locum doctor' is a person who has been introduced to the Trust for hire on a temporary assignment / engagement by an employment business ('agencies'). This is not the same as a flexible worker engaged via bank.

2 - Please can you tell me whether your Trust uses agencies who have been awarded a framework for their supply such as those provided by Crown Commercial Services.

If yes, please can you tell me the name of the framework used. **Yes, the Trust uses HealthTrust Europe LLP. There is however some spend with non-framework agencies for Agency Medics.**

If no, can you please tell me the percentage spent with any non-framework agencies? Where this information is not readily available, please provide an estimate.

April 2013 to March 2014	Agency Medics spend with non-framework agencies
20%	
April 2014 to September 2014	Agency Medics spend with non-framework agencies
12%	

FOI question no. 3 - please can you tell me whether there is a member of your Trust's Board who is accountable for overseeing the use of temporary staff and whether temporary staff usage is regularly discussed at Board meetings. If yes, can you please tell me whether the Board member is a non-executive or an employee of the Trust? If a Trust employee, please can you tell me the role that person has within the Trust. **Chief nursing officer**

FOI question no. 4 - please can you tell me whether your Trust is considering recruiting nurses from overseas in the next 12 months? **No** If yes, can you please confirm the number of nurses and roles your Trust is looking to recruit and the countries you are considering recruiting from.