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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

Please would you be able to assist me in answering the below questions with the greatest accuracy possible.

- From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many locum agency doctors were employed by the trust at Middle grade level (ST3 – ST8 level)?
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how much money was spent on agency locum doctors working in the Middle grade (ST3 – ST8 level)?
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how much money was spent on bank doctors covering vacant shifts within the department?

**Response**

| Questions  | Response   |
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| From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many locum agency doctors were employed by the trust at Middle grade level (ST3 – ST8 level)? | <b>Agency doctors engaged by DGFT in period requested = 4</b><br><b>Note: DGFT does not employ agency doctors; they are provided on an ad-hoc basis to the Trust by Medical Agencies who employ the doctors.</b> |
| From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how much money was spent on agency locum doctors working in the Middle grade (ST3 – ST8 level)?   | <b>£57,855</b>   |
| From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how much money was spent on bank doctors covering vacant shifts within the department?            | <b>£0.</b><br><b>Note: assume “Bank doctors” means those doctors we engage exclusively on bank only contracts as an NHS locum in the department requested.</b>   |

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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