

## Freedom of Information request 014995

24/9/19

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. What was the highest amount you spent on a single medical locum shift (regardless of length) in
  - a. the current financial year 2019-20 to date
  - b. 2018-19 and
  - c. 2017-18?

Please state speciality and grade involved length of shift and date/dates worked in each case. Please include any agency commission.

The information is held, however it is not held in a way that can produce an electronic report for the information requested without accessing each invoice and timesheet independently.

To access the information, i.e. to investigate each invoice and timesheet independently the cost would exceed the FOI limit, Section 12(1) and Section 12 (2).

There are 4166 electronic rows, each having a link to an invoice and timesheet.

To examine the invoice and timesheet under each row would take approximately 2 mins each.

Access to the 4166 rows divided by 120 seconds (2 minutes) to retrieve the invoice and timesheet from each row = 3472 minutes

3472 minutes divided by 60 seconds (1 hour) = 58 hours

58 hours x £25 FOI cost per hour = **£1450**

The FOI limit is 18 hours/£450

2. With regard to the highest amount spent in the current financial year, was this shift offered to doctors at your trust?  
Did their reasons for refusal relate to concerns over the tax treatment of pension contributions?

All shifts are offered to Trust doctors in first instance.

There will be a requirement for locum agency cover in areas where we currently have consultant vacancies.

**3. How much did you spend on locum medics each month in the following periods?**

**Financial year 2017-18**

**Financial year 2018-19**

**So far this financial year (please state end date)**

**How many shifts were involved in each period?**

**Please give figures broken down by month e.g. April 2017 £75,000 (150 shifts) May 2017 £100,000 (29 shifts) etc**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	£335,339	£370,539	£275,082	£417,925	£449,522	£445,275	£364,946	£123,364	£182,971	£290,334	£313,849	£277,608
<b>2018-19</b>	£289,318	£486,923	£358,804	£368,945	£486,333	£371,476	£362,156	£333,265	£348,425	£311,166	£304,091	£363,870
<b>2019-20 YTD</b>	£364,275	£352,283	£329,981	£419,181								

The Trust is unable to pull a centralised electronic report to show shift level.

To produce this information, i.e. to access each level of data would breach FOI cost limit Section 12(1) and Section 12 (2)