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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Dear The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust,

- Please confirm how many Temporary Doctors jobs were filled by agencies and provide a breakdown of the specialty and grade between June 2024 and October 2024. Note data provided is number of unique agency doctors engaged at Trust 1/6/24 – 31/10/24. Question “how many Temporary Doctors jobs were filled” vague.

Specialty	Cons	Spec Reg	Staff Grade	SHO	Grand Total
Medical Staff Anaesthetics	5		9	1	15
Medical Staff Dermatology	2				2
Medical Staff Emergency Dept			3		3
Medical Staff General Surgery	1				1
Medical Staff Neurology	1				1
Medical Staff Obstetrics	5	1	3		8
Medical Staff Older People	4				4
Medical Staff Paediatrics	1		5	2	8
Medical Staff Plastic Surgery	1	2	2		4
Medical Staff Radiology	2				2
Medical Staff Rheumatology	1				1
Medical Staff Urology			1		1
Grand Total	23	3	23	3	50

- Please confirm your agency spend for Temporary Doctors between June 2024 and October 2024. can this be broken down by grade and specialty?

Specialty	Cons	Spec Reg	Staff Grade	SHO	Grand Total
Medical Staff Anaesthetics	£141,671		£112,339	£1,157	£255,168
Medical Staff Dermatology	£74,308				£74,308
Medical Staff Emergency Dept			£106,248		£106,248
Medical Staff General Surgery	£60,207				£60,207
Medical Staff Neurology	£11,121				£11,121
Medical Staff Obstetrics	£48,421	£1,718	£60,626		£110,765
Medical Staff Older People	£230,753				£230,753
Medical Staff Paediatrics	£51,616		£16,831	£23,000	£91,447
Medical Staff Plastic Surgery	£89,170	£37,397	£56,641		£183,208
Medical Staff Radiology	£79,954				£79,954
Medical Staff Rheumatology	£16,321				£16,321
Medical Staff Urology			£10,388		£10,388
Grand Total	£803,543	£39,115	£363,073	£24,157	£1,229,888

- Please confirm how many agency Temporary Doctor jobs were filled by off-framework agencies, and the spend attached to this = 0 / Nil.

- Please can you confirm if a DE platform / PSL or tiered system is in place if so, please confirm the structure.
= DE platform in use.

- What is the DE to non-DE spend from June 2024 to October 2024? = £1,123,640 DE / £106,248 Non-DE

- Does the Trust have a projected agency usage plan for the coming year, and are there specific goals for reducing agency dependency?

= Medical agency expenditure budget for financial year 2024/25 (1/4/24 – 31/3/25) = £800,350 – The Trust monitors the agency exit plans for all agency workers.

- Long-Term Cost-Reduction Strategy: Is there a long-term strategy in place to reduce agency doctor costs or transition to alternative staffing models? = Plans are currently in development

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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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
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