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Russells Hall Hospital
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Date: 12.8.25

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply for your NHS trust/board:

- The total number of consultant-level doctors you currently have [WTE or equivalent] - **282.72 as of 16.6.25**
- The total number of vacant consultant-level doctor posts you currently have [WTE or equivalent] – **51.33WTE**

Please also supply:

- The total number of consultant-level posts substantially filled by agency locums for more than 6 months [WTE or equivalent] - **2 (Where working more than 3 shifts per week routinely)**
- The total spend on agencies for locum consultants (both framework and non-framework) for the 2024/25 financial year [£s] - **£1,840,000**
- Any existing or planned controls on recruitment of medical staff in 2025/26 - **Not aware of any planned controls**

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

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