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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – EMERGENCY MEDICINE DEPARTMENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Emergency Medicine Department staffing within NHS Lothian

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many locum agency doctors were employed by the trust at Middle grade level (ST3 – ST8 level)?

Answer:

Zero.

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how much money was spent on agency locum doctors working in the Middle grade (ST3 – ST8 level)?

Answer:

Zero.

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many doctors were working on substantive/permanent contracts employed locally by the trust in the Middle Grade (ST3-ST8 level)?

Answer:

None of the trainees are employed by the ED on substantive or permanent basis. They are employed on fixed term contracts for the duration of their training and then attached to training placements across the region. They rotate around the Emergency Departments in accordance with their training needs. Their training programmes are managed by Training Programme Directors.

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many doctors were working under employment from the local deanery / working whilst under CCT deanery training?

Answer:

I am advised that you should contact NHS Education for Scotland (NES) - [NHS Education for Scotland | NES](#). As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many doctors were recruited to the trust through TRAC / NHS jobs?

Answer:

There were 30 (23 Clinical Fellows, 3 Consultants, 2 Locum Consultants and 2 LAT's).

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many doctors were recruited to the trust from overseas through TRAC / NHS jobs?

Answer:

There were 10.

Question:

- From 1st January 2023 to 1st January 2024, within your Emergency Medicine Departments, how many doctors were recruited from recruitment agencies?

Answer:

Zero.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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