

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM PSYCHIATRISTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum psychiatrists employed by NHS Lothian.

Question:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the cost of employing locum Psychiatrists in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Bank and agency spend on locum Psychiatrists, NHS Lothian		
Year	Internal staff bank spend	Agency spend
2019/20	£215,863	£1,300,496
2020/21	£228,562	£1,389,407
2021/22	£172,122	£1,228,783
2022/23	£230,846	£761,441
2023/24 (to January 2024)	£199,286	£562,712

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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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