

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY NON CLINICAL STAFF

I write in response to your request for information in relation to agency non clinical staff in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Does the Trust have a contract of any kind in place with any agency for the provision of temporary non-medical and non-clinical workers?

Answer:

Yes. The only agency costs NHS Lothian has currently for non clinical staff is within our Translation and Interpretation Service.

Question:

2. If yes to the above question, who is the contract with, when was the contract awarded and when does it expire?

Answer:

Agencies are contracted through NHS National Services Scotland National Procurement and not directly through NHS Lothian. You can contact NHS National Services Scotland directly for details of the contracts.

Question:

3. Which framework does the Trust use to hire agency workers?

Answer:

All agencies are contracted through a national procurement framework.

Question:

4. How much did the Trust spend on agency workers falling into the category of non-medical and non-clinical for the period: April 2022 to March 2023 and April 2023 to March 2024?

Answer:

Non medical non clinical agency worker spend, NHS Lothian	
Year	Spend
2022-23	£738,419
2023-24	£502,469

Question:

5. Who is the person responsible for (or would be responsible for) awarding temporary staffing contracts for the Trust? (Please provide the full name, job title and work email).

Answer:

All agencies are contracted through NHS National Services Scotland National Procurement.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director of Nursing Midwifery and AHPs
Cc: Chief Executive