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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – OFF-FRAMEWORK SUPPLIERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to off-framework suppliers.

Question:

- Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2024/25) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:
 1. Number of hours filled?
 2. Broken down by grade/specialty?
 3. Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?
 4. Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?
 5. Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?
 6. Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?

Answer:

All Medical & Dental agency spend is via internal direct engagement model with use off national framework agencies.

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.

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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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