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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM MEDICAL SHIFTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum medical shifts.

Question:

- Can I request, broken down by the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (most recent data):
 1. How many medical shifts have gone unfilled **after** being put out for locum cover, broken down by speciality and position (e.g. consultant, resident doctor)

Answer:

Please see enclosed response.

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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Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive

Specialty	Grade	Unfilled Shifts
Mental Health	FY2	54
	ST1-3	153
	Specialty Dr	31
	Consultant	51
Emergency Medicine	FY2-ST3	410
Elderly Medicine	FY2	113
	ST1-ST3	51
	Specialty Dr	8
Surgical	FY2	134
	ST1-ST3	43
	Specialty Dr	13
	Consultant	22
Gynaecology	ST1-ST3	18
	Consultant	6
Medical	FY2	169
	ST1-ST3	76
	Specialty Dr	9
	Consultant	48
Paediatrics	FY2	1
	ST1-ST3	4
	Consultant	5
Dental	DCT1-DCT3	24
	Dentist	18
	Consultant	2
ITU/HDU	FY2	12
	Consultant	3

Specialty	Grade	Unfilled Shifts
Mental Health	FY2	4
	ST1-3	162
	Specialty Dr	10
	Consultant	28
Emergency Medicine	FY2-ST3	480
Elderly Medicine	FY2	63
	ST1-ST3	12
	Specialty Dr	19
Surgical	FY2	107
	ST1-ST3	81
	Specialty Dr	11
	Consultant	3
Gynaecology	FY2	8
	ST1-ST3	52
	Consultant	15
Medical	FY2	177
	ST1-ST3	74
	Consultant	59
Paediatrics	FY2	9
	ST1-ST3	21
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	9
Dental	DCT1-DCT3	13
	Dentist	18
	Consultant	9
ITU/HDU	ST1-ST3	4
	Consultant	19
Theatres	ST1-ST3	18
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	21
Neuroscience	FY2	49
	ST1-ST3	50
	Consultant	5

Specialty	Grade	Unfilled Shifts
Mental Health	FY2	2
	ST1-3	31
	Specialty Dr	5
	Consultant	57
Emergency Medicine	FY2-ST3	362
Elderly Medicine	FY2	25
	ST1-ST3	34
	Specialty Dr	12
Surgical	FY2	132
	ST1-ST3	70
	Specialty Dr	8
	Consultant	15
Gynaecology	FY2	4
	ST1-ST3	80
	Consultant	30
Medical	FY2	108
	ST1-ST3	98
	Specialty Dr	9
	Consultant	16
Paediatrics	FY2	16
	ST1-ST3	56
	Specialty Dr	2
	Consultant	18
Dental	DCT1-DCT3	2
	Dentist	3
	Specialty Dr	2
	Consultant	20
ITU/HDU	FY2	8
	ST1-ST3	14
	Consultant	44
Theatres	ST1-ST3	25
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	19
Neuroscience	FY2	44
	ST1-ST3	85
	Consultant	17
Neonatal	ST1-ST3	34
	Specialty Dr	6
	Consultant	34

Specialty	Grade	Unfilled Shifts
Mental Health	FY2	7
	ST1-3	20
	Specialty Dr	8
	Consultant	37
Emergency Medicine	FY2-ST3	951
Elderly Medicine	FY2	22
	ST1-ST3	11
	Specialty Dr	9
Surgical	FY2	259
	ST1-ST3	61
	Specialty Dr	8
	Consultant	4
Gynaecology	FY2	8
	ST1-ST3	88
	Consultant	24
Medical	FY2	100
	ST1-ST3	92
	Specialty Dr	9
	Consultant	12
Paediatrics	FY2	10
	ST1-ST3	55
	Consultant	28
Dental	Dentist	1
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	9
ITU/HDU	FY2	7
	ST1-ST3	6
	Consultant	22
Theatres	ST1-ST3	10
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	9
Neuroscience	FY2	33
	ST1-ST3	102
Neonatal	FY2	4
	ST1-ST3	17
	Consultant	101

Specialty	Grade	Unfilled Shifts
Mental Health	ST1-3	6
	Specialty Dr	22
	Consultant	34
Emergency Medicine	FY2-ST3	387
Elderly Medicine	FY2	3
	ST1-ST3	2
	Specialty Dr	5
	Consultant	1
Surgical	FY2	82
	ST1-ST3	20
	Specialty Dr	9
	Consultant	8
Gynaecology	FY2	2
	ST1-ST3	26
	Consultant	11
Medical	FY2	108
	ST1-ST3	48
	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	4
Paediatrics	FY2	2
	ST1-ST3	58
	Consultant	14
Dental	Specialty Dr	1
	Consultant	5
ITU/HDU	ST1-ST3	4
	Consultant	3
Theatres	ST1-ST3	28
Neuroscience	FY2	3
	ST1-ST3	19
Neonatal	FY2	2
	ST1-ST3	75
	Consultant	29