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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY EXPENDITURE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to agency expenditure.

Question:

1. The total amount of money spent on consultants by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Answer:

There was zero expenditure on medical consultants.

Question:

2. The total amount of money spent on agency staff by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Answer:

Year	Expenditure
2021/22	£13,083,242
2022/23	£26,432,896
2023/24	£20,948,317
2024/25	£5,764,982
<i>Note: Total Agency Costs for all staff groups</i>	

Question:

3. The total amount of money spent on recruitment agencies by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Answer:

There has been no expenditure on Recruitment Agencies as they are not used by NHS Lothian.

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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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