

Date: 08/08/2025
Our Ref: 10350
Enquiries to loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM CONSULTANT SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum consultant spend in NHS Lothian.

Question:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the amount the organisation spent on locum Consultant Physicians in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 to the present date. Which a breakdown of each year.

Answer:

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

Locum consultant agency costs, NHS Lothian			
Financial Year	Total Agency Costs	Total Bank Costs	Total Agency and Bank Costs
2018/19	£1,372,229	£341,624	£1,713,854
2019/20	£1,300,496	£215,863	£1,516,359
2020/21	£1,389,407	£228,562	£1,617,969
2021/22	£1,228,783	£172,122	£1,400,905
2022/23	£761,441	£230,846	£992,287
2023/24	£1,371,276	£606,678	£1,977,955
2024/25	£1,046,173	£595,139	£1,641,312
2025/26 to June 2025	£311,670	£247,298	£558,968

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

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