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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY SPEND

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

Question:

1. In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctorsPlease provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:
 - Spend per grade
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per agency name
2. In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctorsPlease provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:
 - Spend per grade
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per agency name
3. In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:
 - Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum doctorsPlease provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:
 - Spend per grade
 - Spend per specialty
 - Spend per internal or associated external provider
4. Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet

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Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox
*Lothian NHS Board is the common
name of Lothian Health Board*

I hope the information provided helped 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.

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

Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive
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In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

Spend per grade

| Grade | Total Costs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Consultant | 162,039 |
| Specialty Dr | 69,079 |
| FY2 | 63,907 |
| ST3 | 58,615 |
| GP | 57,619 |
| ST1 | 22,651 |
| Total | 433,910 |

Spend per specialty

| Specialty | Total Costs |
|---|----------------|
| Sjh Surgery | 105,320 |
| West Lothian Mental Health | 103,034 |
| Reas Psychiatry | 66,659 |
| Prison Healthcare | 60,801 |
| Rie Surgery | 29,389 |
| Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People Ser | 25,032 |
| Substance Misuse | 13,761 |
| East Lothian Elderly Medicine | 13,630 |
| St John's Regional Eating Disorder Unit | 6,538 |
| Wgh Medicine | 3,266 |
| Older People - Psychogeriatric | 2,964 |
| Rehabilitation Medicine | 2,152 |
| Children & Young People Hospital | 1,364 |
| Total | 433,910 |

Spend per agency name

| Agency | Total Costs |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Athona | 843 |
| Medacs Healthcare | 164,559 |
| Medecho | 184,369 |
| Medteam | 12,973 |
| National Locums | 13,629 |
| NC Healthcare Ltd | 29,862 |
| Perfemps Recruitment Partnership | 11,438 |
| TXM Healthcare Ltd | 16,237 |
| Total | 433,910 |

In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctors: **No off framework costs**

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

Spend per grade N/A

Spend per specialty N/A

Spend per agency name N/A

In the period 1st August 2025 to 31st October 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

| Grade | Total Costs |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Associate Specialist | 18,059 |
| Consultant | 476,399 |
| Dentist | 40,893 |
| FY2 | 693,410 |
| GP | 22,366 |
| 2C GP Level 1 | 21,726 |
| 2C GP Level 2 | 80,210 |
| 2C GP Level 3 | 111,712 |
| 2C GP Level 4 | 110,998 |
| Specialty Dr | 144,852 |
| ST1 | 345,147 |
| ST2 | 81,532 |
| ST3 | 175,295 |
| ST4 | 6,500 |
| ST5 | 1,655 |
| ST6 | 1,212 |
| Total | 2,331,967 |

Spend per specialty

| Specialty | Total Costs |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Acute Mh | 15,183 |
| Anaesthetics & Theatres | 35,395 |
| Child & Adolescent Mh Service | 67,299 |
| Children & Young People Hosp | 131,410 |
| Critical Care | 42,234 |
| Dermatology | 2,642 |
| Diabetes And Endocrinology | 2,990 |
| Edinburgh - Gms And Prescribing | 305,334 |
| Edinburgh - Mental Health Smd And Ld | 2,356 |
| Ei Hosted Services | 32,671 |
| Ei Mental Health | 6,283 |
| Hospital Services | 60,229 |
| Imaging - Radiology | 21,226 |
| Laboratories | 59,142 |
| Mi Mh And Ld | 41,099 |
| Older People - Psychogeriatric | 21,800 |
| Ophthalmology | 25,770 |
| Oral Health | 41,883 |
| Prison Healthcare | 19,312 |
| Reas Junior Medical | 14,471 |
| Regional Services | 33,327 |
| Rie Medicine | 618,189 |
| Rie Surgery | 122,203 |
| Sjh Medicine | 340,893 |
| Sjh Surgery | 31,088 |
| Substance Misuse MI | 14,045 |
| Wgh Cancer | 16,122 |
| Wgh Medicine | 85,547 |
| Wgh Surgery | 24,985 |
| WI Mental Health | 32,273 |
| Women | 64,566 |
| Total | 2,331,967 |

Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025

No allocated budget for agency locums, costs form part of overall staffing budgets for Medical & Dental.

Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust.

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