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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – OFF-CONTRACT LOCUM STAFF

I write in response to your request for information in relation to off-contract locum staff.

Question:

1. Financial Year 2024/2025. The total monetary value (£) of off-contract locum spend incurred between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

Answer:

Zero - All Medical & Dental is internal Direct Engagement

Question:

2. Financial Year 2025/2026 (Part Year). The total monetary value (£) of off-contract locum spend incurred between 1 April 2025 and 31 December 2025 (end of Q3).

Answer:

Zero - All Medical & Dental is internal Direct Engagement

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](http://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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Yours sincerely

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