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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY FRAMEWORKS

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

### Question:

- In the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026 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
- In the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026 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
- In the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026 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
- Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026

### 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*

Question:

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

Answer:

The name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust - NP 50022

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.

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

### Spend per grade

Grade	Total Cost
Consultant	182,202
FY2	88,320
GP	29,822
Specialty Dr	101,549
ST1	35,526
ST2	3,616
ST3	13,371
<b>Total</b>	<b>454,406</b>

### Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost
Child & Adolescent Mh Service	11,992
Dcn - Neurosciences	982
Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People	11,240
Ent	30,602
General Medicine Sjh	241
General Medicine Wgh	344
General Surgery Rie	7,125
Hospital Services	31,122
Maxillofacial	56,343
Medical Mental Health	114,848
MI Mh And Ld	4,750
Paediatric Doctors	2,553
Prison Healthcare	32,643
Reas Junior Medical	118,512
Substance Misuse MI	30,725
Vascular	382
<b>Total</b>	<b>454,406</b>

### Spend per agency name

Agency	Total Costs
Athona	24,687
Direct Medics	569
Interact Medical	9,962
Medacs Healthcare	128,698
Medecho	123,293
Mediteam	35,475
National Locums	31,122
NC Healthcare Ltd	45,349
PERTEMPS Recruitment Partnersh	18,677
TXM Healthcare Ltd	36,576
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>454,406</b>

In the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026 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 November 2025 to 31st January 2026 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:

Spend per grade

Spend per specialty

Spend per internal or associated external provider

### Spend per grade

Grade	Total Cost
Associate Specialist	21,462
Consultant	321,184
Consultant Dentist	21,780
Dentist	19,464
FY2	673,174
GP	20,869
GP Level 1	15,762
GP Level 2	33,542
GP Level 3	44,706
GP Level 4	95,438
Specialty Dr	133,481
ST1	350,857
ST2	84,742
ST3	160,456
ST4	1,631
ST5	1,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,999,760</b>

### Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost
Adult Acute Mh	72,200
Anaesthetics + Theatres Rie	52,869
Anaesthetics + Theatres Sjh	24,218
Anaesthetics + Theatres Wgh	4,285
Burns / Plastics	4,858
Cardio Thoracic Resp Rie	27,865
Cardio Thoracic Resp Wgh	17,719
Child & Adolescent Mh Service	13,719
Critical Care Directorate	42,332
Dcn - Neurosciences	44,030
Diabetes And Endocrinology	5,608
Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People	13,094
Edinburgh Dental Institute	21,780
Edinburgh Partnership - Gms	175,957
EI Mental Health	- 3,141
Ent	2,913
Gastro-enterology	202
General Medicine Rie	368,031
General Medicine Sjh	337,511
General Medicine Wgh	57,048
General Surgery Rie	37,252
General Surgery Wgh	9,289
Hospital Services	48,451
Infection Sciences	9,738
Infectious Diseases Wgh	1,760
Maxillofacial	20,300
Medical Mental Health	20,069
Moe Rie + Liberton	44,406
Moe Wgh + Stroke	65,545
Older People - Psychogeriatric	19,809
Oncology	15,235
Ophthalmology Paep	24,857
Orthopaedics	11,276
Paediatric Doctors	150,143
Pathology And Gene Sciences	15,999
Prison Healthcare	13,490
Public Dental Service	14,377
Radiology - Rie	15,743
Reas Junior Medical	42,872
Regional Services	10,029
Rehabilitation Medicine	24,756
Renal Medicine	19,362
Reproductive Health Rie	44,001

Reproductive Health Sjh	534
Rheumatology	2,366
Sexual Health	4,183
Substance Misuse MI	11,844
Supplementary Staffing Team	610
Urology	10,665
Vascular	7,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,999,760</b>

Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st January 2026  
**No allocated budget for agency locums, costs form part of overall staffing budgets for Medical & Dental.**