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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM GP COSTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum GP costs.

Question:

- I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the amount spent on locum GPs in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

Answer:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Out Of Hours Service - Locum GP	3,574,811	3,777,732	3,955,847	5,105,286	5,146,289	5,002,951	4,938,712	4,992,542	4,728,396	4,654,606
S2c Practices Locum GP		1,204,787	1,458,571	1,277,913	1,152,289	843,961	1,214,851	1,996,212	1,431,498	990,803
GMS - Maternity cover Locum GP	795,243	457,001	978,531	928,415	1,017,049	1,459,126	1,354,672	1,211,968	1,082,843	1,388,800
GMS - Sick leave cover Locum GP	40,937	266,747	661,147	435,219	837,047	916,216	904,882	547,244	642,870	825,455
	4,410,991	5,706,267	7,054,096	7,746,833	8,152,673	8,222,255	8,413,117	8,747,966	7,885,607	7,859,664

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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