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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM DOCTORS

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

Question:

1. In the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 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
2. In the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 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
3. In the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 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
4. Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 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:

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

Answer:

NHS National Services Scotland National Procurement NP500/22 Framework

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.

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

Yours sincerely

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive
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Spend per grade

Grade	Total Cost
Consultant	204,576
FY2	70,816
GP	26,879
Specialty Dr	180,238
ST1	66,634
ST2	8,601
ST3	79,776
Grand Total	637,519

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost
Child & Adolescent Mh Service	1,018
Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People Services	208
Ent	61,285
General Medicine Sjh	58,900
General Surgery Rie	8,443
Hospital Services	24,043
Maxillofacial	62,763
Medical Mental Health	135,501
MI Mh And Ld	38,882
Older People - Psychogeriatric	8,358
Prison Healthcare	26,879
Reas Junior Medical	177,594
Renal Medicine	534
Substance Misuse MI	32,509
Vascular	600
Total	637,519

Spend per agency name

Agency	Total Costs
Athona	21,673
Interact Medical	46,694
Medacs Healthcare	195,268
Medecho	113,600
Mediteam	71,391
National Locums	42,691
NC Healthcare Ltd	89,784
PERTEMPS Recruitment Partnership	35,237
TXM Healthcare Ltd	21,181
Grand Total	637,519

In the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 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 February 2026 to 30th April 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	4,213

Consultant	325,613
Consultant Dentist	21,780
Dentist	20,945
FY2	744,918
GP	22,986
GP Level 1	11,947
GP Level 2	18,092
GP Level 3	52,729
GP Level 4	93,358
Specialty Dr	82,125
ST1	402,073
ST2	99,896
ST3	200,375
ST4	7,734
ST5	2,047
ST6	1,217
Total	2,112,045

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost
Acute Medicine Rie	24,252
Adult Acute Mh	29,181
Anaesthetics + Theatres Rie	43,485
Anaesthetics + Theatres Sjh	21,707
Anaesthetics + Theatres Wgh	4,546
Burns / Plastics	1,594
Cardio Thoracic Resp Rie	48,412
Cardio Thoracic Resp Wgh	9,178
Child & Adolescent Mh Service	25,220
Critical Care Directorate	27,757
Dcn - Neurosciences	36,784
Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People Services	22,531
Edinburgh Dental Institute	23,160
Edinburgh Partnership - Gms	167,661
Emergency Department Rie	463,644
Ent	38,637
Gastro-enterology	13,523
General Medicine Sjh	314,489
General Medicine Wgh	47,805
General Surgery Rie	66,302
General Surgery Wgh	55,076
Haematology	1,040
Hospital Services	32,564
Infection Sciences	27,666
Infectious Diseases Wgh	468
Maxillofacial	20,632
Medical Mental Health	18,566
Moe Rie + Liberton	15,642
Moe Wgh + Stroke	57,664
Older People - Psychogeriatric	2,399
Oncology	12,511
Ophthalmology Paep	36,041
Orthopaedics	15,849
Paediatric Doctors	76,700
Pathology And Gene Sciences	45,753
Prison Healthcare	8,465
Public Dental Service	16,799
Radiology - Rie	19,702
Reas Junior Medical	19,078
Regional Services	8,657
Rehabilitation Medicine	10,437
Renal Medicine	9,919
Reproductive Health Rie	87,898
Reproductive Health Sjh	23,559
Rheumatology	1,289
Sexual Health	9,276

Substance Misuse MI	12,548
Supplementary Staffing Team	698
Transplant	107
Urology	31,304
Vascular	3,870
Total	2,112,045

Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st February 2026 to 30th April 2026
No allocated budget for agency locums, costs form part of overall staffing budgets for Medical & Dental.