

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM VASCULAR SURGEONS**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum vascular surgeons employed in NHS Lothian.

**Question:**

Please provide the amount spent on locum Vascular Sturgeons in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. With a breakdown of each year.

**Answer:**

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below from the year 2020-21. We no longer hold the information for previous years.

Spend on locum vascular surgeons, NHS Lothian	
Year	Spend
2020-21	£0
2021-22	£38,453
2022-23	£31,950
2023-24	£71,863
2024-25	£37,986
2025-26	£26,741

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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