

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AGENCY DOCTORS**

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

Question:

- Please could you provide me with the following for the period January-December 2025 for HMP Edinburgh and HMP Addiewell. *If for whatever reason you do not have the data available for those dates, please instead provide that data for the previous calendar year (1 April 2024-end of March 2025).*
  - a. Please confirm how many Temporary Doctors jobs were filled by agencies, stated in hours. - Please confirm your total agency spend for Temporary Doctors.
  - b. Please confirm how many Doctors jobs were filled by salaried / ongoing employees within the prisons, stated in hours.
  - c. Please confirm your total spend for salaried / permanent Doctors jobs (both full and part-time) within the prisons.
  - d. Please confirm your total overall spend on Doctors within prisons, including both salaried employees and temporary roles.

Answer:

a.	1,429 hours £165,918
b.	Prisons Health Care have ANP's who worked 12,154 hours partial cover
c.	£380,467
d.	£589,928

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.

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Yours sincerely

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