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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 May 2026 to 31st July 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 May 2026 to 31st July 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 May 2026 to 31st July 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 May 2026 to 31st July 2026
5. Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust.

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

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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Cc: Chief Executive
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Q1: In the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

Spend per grade

Spend per specialty

Spend per agency name

Spend per grade

Grade	Total Cost £
Consultant	360,451
FY2	58,785
GP	18,584
Specialty Dr	195,943
ST1	85,379
ST2	26,191
ST3	63,439
Grand Total	808,771

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost £
Cardio Thoracic Resp Wgh	13,357
Ent	65,116
Gastro-enterology	50,135
General Medicine Sjh	75,760
General Medicine Wgh	47,996
General Surgery Rie	21,227
General Surgery Wgh	1,308
Hospital Services	44,400
Maxillofacial	75,960
Medical Mental Health	89,057
MI Mh And Ld	32,927
Older People - Psychogeriatric	535
Prison Healthcare	18,584
Reas Junior Medical	220,021
Regional Services	5,668
Substance Misuse MI	46,289
Vascular	431
Grand Total	808,771

Spend per agency

Agency Name	Total Cost £
ID Medical	74,773
ID Medical Group Limited	15,694
Interact	46,407
Interact Medical	11,083
Medacs	247,840
Medacs Healthcare	38,929
Medecho	86,349
Mediteam	79,216
Nat Locums	61,207

NC H/Care	80,818
NC Healthcare Ltd	13,038
PERTEMPS	35,358
PERTEMPS Recruitment Partners	7,738
TXM	5,858
TXM Healthcare Ltd	4,465
Grand Total	808,771

Q2: In the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctors - **No off-framework agency 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**

Q3: In the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 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	9,455
Consultant	337,531
Consultant Dentist	20,523
Dentist	21,021
FY2	664,031
GP	6,516
GP	6,032
GP Level 1	9,608
GP Level 2	3,731
GP Level 3	23,321
GP Level 4	110,951
Specialty Dr	108,016
ST1	397,369
ST2	135,162
ST3	257,326
ST4	19,640
ST6	739
Grand Total	2,130,971

Spend per specialty

Specialty	Total Cost £
Acute Medicine Rie	88,457
Adult Acute Mh	39,057
Anaesthetics + Theatres Rie	22,022
Anaesthetics + Theatres Sjh	24,951
Anaesthetics + Theatres Wgh	3,277
Breast	1,571
Burns / Plastics	11,165
Cardio Thoracic Resp Rie	64,671

Child & Adolescent Mh Service	25,581
Critical Care Directorate	13,992
Dcn - Neurosciences	35,048
Edinburgh - Edinburgh Older People	21,868
Edinburgh Dental Institute	20,523
Edinburgh Partnership - Gms	135,695
Emergency Department Rie	358,511
Ent	30,257
Gastro-enterology	39,193
General Medicine Sjh	311,379
General Medicine Wgh	23,451
General Surgery Rie	51,932
General Surgery Wgh	31,926
Haematology	3,293
Hospital Services	26,705
Infection Sciences	36,174
Infectious Diseases Wgh	14,947
Maxillofacial	28,565
Medical Mental Health	35,824
Moe Rie + Liberton	9,539
Moe Wgh + Stroke	54,684
Oncology	12,846
Ophthalmology Paep	23,540
Orthopaedics	38,165
Paediatric Doctors	112,362
Pathology And Gene Sciences	73,610
Prison Healthcare	8,716
Public Dental Service	18,480
Radiology - Rie	13,373
Reas Junior Medical	18,690
Regional Services	25,420
Rehabilitation Medicine	746
Renal Medicine	10,630
Reproductive Health Rie	113,050
Reproductive Health Sjh	7,922
Rheumatology	1,481
Sexual Health	22,271
Substance Misuse MI	5,724
Supplementary Staffing Team	1,893
Transplant	12,034
Urology	45,756
Grand Total	2,130,971

Q4: Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st May 2026 to 31st July 2026

No allocated budget for agency locums, costs form part of overall staffing budgets for Medical & Dental.

Q5: Please confirm the name of the framework used for the supply of locum doctors in your trust.

NHS National Services Scotland National Procurement NP500/22 Framework