

Ref. No: 1331
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Subject: Doctor Recruitment

REQUEST

Please confirm how many Temporary Doctors jobs were filled by agencies and provide a breakdown of the specialty and grade between June 2024 and October 2024.

- **Please confirm your agency spend for Temporary Doctors between June 2024 and October 2024. can this be broken down by grade and specialty?**
- **Please confirm how many agency Temporary Doctor jobs were filled by off-framework agencies, and the spend attached to this.**
- **Please can you confirm if a DE platform / PSL or tiered system is in place if so, please confirm the structure.**
- **What is the DE to non-DE spend from June 2024 to October 2024?**

The Trust use DE, therefore there is no split.

- **Does the Trust have a projected agency usage plan for the coming year, and are there specific goals for reducing agency dependency?**

Yes

- **Long-Term Cost-Reduction Strategy: Is there a long-term strategy in place to reduce agency doctor costs or transition to alternative staffing models?**

Yes

RESPONSE

For the remaining questions please see below.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.