

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. 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 see attached spread sheet](#)

2. Please confirm your agency spend for Temporary Doctors between June 2024 and October 2024. can this be broken down by grade and specialty?

[Medical agency spend based on paid invoices for the period of June 24 to October 24 totals £3.1m](#)

Agency spend £m	Total
Medical Agency spend	3.1

3. Please confirm how many agency Temporary Doctor jobs were filled by off-framework agencies, and the spend attached to this.

[3 posts were filled between 1st June 24 and the 30th June 24 as all transferred to framework agencies on the 1st July 24](#)

Agency spend £m	Total
Off Framework agency spend	0.14

4. Please can you confirm if a DE platform / PSL or tiered system is in place if so, please confirm the structure.

[Our DR supplier is Plus Us](#)

[We do not have a PSL at the current time but our list of agencies that we use was based on an old regional list that was in operation pre-Covid](#)

5. What is the DE to non-DE spend from June 2024 to October 2024?

[Medical agency spend based on paid invoices for the period of June 24 to October 24 totals £1.1m for Direct Engagement and £2m for Non-Direct Engagement medical agency.](#)

Agency spend £m	Total
Direct Engagement	1.1
Non-Direct Engagement	2.0
Total	3.1

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

There is a plan to reduce reliance on agency month by month as further to a recruitment campaign, new appointments have been made ready to be on-boarded over the next few months.

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

There is a trajectory to decrease reliance on agency and a plan to engage with external and internal stakeholders to look at working and recruiting differently as a longer term substantive recruitment strategy,

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