

FOI 3159

25th June 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply:

The total number of consultant-level doctors you currently have:

Response:

273 Permanent Consultants as at 30 April 2025.

The total number of vacant consultant-level doctor posts you currently have [WTE or equivalent]

Response:

55 (as at 31 March 2025 as per Vacancy Return to DOH)

Please also supply:

The total number of consultant-level posts substantially filled by agency locums for more than 6 months [WTE or equivalent]

Response:

As at 16th June 2025, there are 44 Agency Consultant Locums in Post.

The total spend on agencies for locum consultants (both framework and non-framework) for the 2024/25 financial year [£s]

Response:

£13.827m

Any existing or planned controls on recruitment of medical staff in 2025/26

Response:

None

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