

FOI 3293

9th September 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question: Please provide for April 2024–March 2025 (or latest 12 months):

- 1) Total spend on locum doctors;**
- 2) Spend on off-contract/non-framework locums;**
- 3) Breakdown of off-contract spend by month and specialty;**
- 4) Off-contract shifts, highest hourly rate & specialty, and top five agencies with spend.**

Response:

Please be advised that part of the information you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you and can be found on the Southern Health & Social Care Trust's "FOI disclosure log" web page. Please follow the link below:

<https://southerntrust.hscni.net/about-us/access-to-information/foi-disclosure-logs/>

FOI 2454 – Feb 24 – April 24 (JUNE 24 DISCLOSURE LOG) [2454-Agencies-for-locum-doctors.pdf](#)

FOI 2614 – May 24 – July 24 (SEPT 24 DISCLOSURE LOG)
[2614-Agency-spend.pdf](#)

FOI 2790 – Aug 24 – Oct 24 (DEC 24 DISCLOSURE LOG)
[2790-Spend-with-framework-and-off-framework-agencies-for-locum-doctors.pdf](#)

FOI 2944 – Nov 24 – Jan 25 (MARCH 25 DISCLOSURE LOG)
[2944-Spend-with-agencies-for-locum-doctors.pdf](#)

FOI 3112 – Feb 25 – April 25 (JUNE 25 DISCLOSURE LOG)

(We can confirm that information on total spend of agency locum doctors for the period Feb 25 – April 25 is for future publication and will be available online soon. We have not therefore enclosed the figures for this period within this correspondence).

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts the Trust from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source indicated, please contact us again.



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