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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4658

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 19th March 2021.

Your request was as follows:

In relation to your supply of medical (doctor) temporary workers, please could you provide the answers to the following questions?

1. Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade? Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) use the following locum/staffing agencies:

Accident & Emergency Agency Ltd
Athona Ltd
Doctors On Call
Holt Doctors
ID Medical
Interact Medical
Medacs Healthcare Plc
National Locums
Pertemps Medical Limited

2. Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.

2018-19 - 8986.18 hours

2019-20 - 5160.7 hours

2020-21 - 2504.73 hours

3. What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?

WCFT have only used tier 1 agencies.

4. When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4658 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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