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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4729**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 07th May 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1.  What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency doctors and who is responsible for managing them?

The procurement team are responsible for managing.

2.  Who is your primary point of contact for decision making regarding supply chain for Agency Doctors?

The supply chain is approved by Health Trust Europe (HTE).

3.  How many agencies are used to supply agency doctors?

All on the HTE approved list.

4.  Of these agencies, how many are off framework - please list them?

None, we do not use off framework agencies.

5.  Over the past 6 months, how many shifts have been filled via an off framework agency?

None.

6.  Who is your highest paid agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?

I confirm that The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust holds the information you have requested. However, I am unable to provide you with that information as I consider that the following exemptions apply to it:

**Section 40 (2) – Third Party Data**

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), due to the minimal number of patients identified, and in answering your query may lead to the undue stress of families and patients as this information may still lead to patients being identified. Therefore this information has not been released for reasons of confidentiality.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA.



7.  Please outline your spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 6 months?

Holt Doctors: FY2, GP, ST1, ST2 - Neurosurgery - £40,197.22

Pertemps: Asso Spec, Special Doc/Staff G - Neurosurgery - £4063.23

8.  Do you have a Master Vendor for Agency Doctors In place? If so, who are they and when are they contracted until?

No.

9.  If you have a Master Vendor in place, What is your current average % fill rate from your Master Vendor Provider for Medical Locums for the past 6 months?

N/A

10.  If you have a Master Vendor in place, How many hours of work for medical locums have been booked outside of your Master Vendor arrangement in the past 6 months?

N/A.

11.  If you have a Master Vendor in place, What % of bookings by your Master Vendor Provider are at the NHSI capped rates in the past 6 months?

N/A

12.  What is your total (£) off framework agency spend for Agency Doctors?

N/A

13.  Does the trust utilise a Direct Engagement method of payment for agency doctors and if so whom?

Liaison.

14.  What % of Agency Doctors are paid via Direct Engagement Method? And Outside of Direct Engagement?

100%

15.  How many doctors working are Deemed Outside of IR35 working at the trust?

None.

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

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Yours sincerely

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