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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6343

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 05th June 2024.

Your request was as follows:

1) Please can you confirm what your total spend on Allied Health Professional (AHP) agency staff was during the financial year 2022-2023?

Can you please break this financial information down by AHP specialism:

- Art therapists
- Dietitians
- Drama therapists
- Music therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Operating department practitioners
- Orthoptists
- Osteopaths
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Prosthetists and orthotists
- Radiographers
- Speech and language therapists

I can confirm the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trusts total spend on Allied Health Professional (AHP) agency staff was during the financial year 2022-2023 was:-

- Occupational therapists £2.0k
- Operating department practitioners £137,643

2) Please can you confirm the names of the organisation/s you procure temporary Allied Health Professionals (AHP) from?

To provide additional clarity on my request, 'temporary Allied Health Professionals' is to mean all persons who are AHPs and are not on permanent contracts of employment with the Board, but are supplied via employment agencies.

Aplocum Staffing Ltd
Castlefield Recruitment Ltd
Tripod Partners
Your World Recruitment
Peers Meadows Recruitment

3) What was the average hourly margin (in £ and p) paid to recruitment agencies providing AHPs for temporary roles during the financial year 1/4/22 to 31/3/23?

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

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

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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