

Freedom of Information request 40-17

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me with

1. the amount spent on employing agency/temporary/locum doctors in A&E departments in each month in 2016.
2. the number of FTE roles covered by agency/temporary/locum doctors in each month in 2016
3. the total number of FTE doctors working in the A&E department in each month in 2016.

If possible, please provide a breakdown for each item between junior doctors and consultants.

Response

1. Please find below spend on external agency doctors as per request. To identify the costs associated with temporary and NHS locum doctors would require a manual trawl of information and as the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are not required to provide.

	Total Expenditure Incurred - Agency Medical
Apr-16	£26,084
May-16	£12,496
Jun-16	£43,818
Jul-16	£36,720
Aug-16	£33,181
Sep-16	£7,379
Oct-16	£55,103
Nov-16	£28,043
Dec-16	£37,734

2&3 Please find data as per request:

	Locum - Junior	Locum - Consultant	Substantive Junior	Substantive – Consultant
Jan 16	3.6 WTE	0.4 WTE	6.4 WTE	0.4 WTE
Feb 16	2.1 WTE	0.8 WTE	7.2 WTE	0.4 WTE
Mar 16	2.2 WTE	0.8 WTE	7.2 WTE	0.4 WTE
Apr 16	2.9 WTE	0.8 WTE	7.2 WTE	0.4 WTE
May 16	1.3 WTE	0.8 WTE	7.4 WTE	0.4 WTE
Jun 16	3.3 WTE	0.8 WTE	6.6 WTE	0.4 WTE
Jul 16	3.5 WTE	0.2 WTE	6.4 WTE	1.2 WTE
Aug 16	1.1 WTE	-	9.4 WTE	1.2 WTE

Sep 16	0.7 WTE	-	9.9 WTE	1.2 WTE
Oct 16	1.7 WTE	-	9.6 WTE	1.2 WTE
Nov 16	1.8 WTE	-	10.6 WTE	1.2 WTE
Dec 16	1.6 WTE	-	10.6 WTE	1.2 WTE

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **40-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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