

## Freedom of Information request 369-18

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### Request

1. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), how much your board spent on regular (i.e. not internal or agency locum staff) radiologist expenditure. Please break this down by hospital.
2. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), how much your board spent on internal locum radiologists. Please break this down by hospital.
3. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), how much your board spent on agency locum radiologists. Please break this down by hospital.
4. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), give me the total number (by hospital) of regular radiologists (i.e. not internal or agency locum staff) used and a breakdown of their specialities i.e. in 2013/14 hospital X employed 2 breast radiologists, 2 general radiologists, and 3 interventionist radiologists.
5. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), give me the total number (by hospital) of internal locum radiologists used and a breakdown of their specialities i.e. in 2013/14 hospital X employed 2 breast radiologists, 2 general radiologists, and 3 interventionist radiologists.
6. By financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), give me the total number (by hospital) of agency locum radiologists used and a breakdown of their specialities i.e. in 2013/14 hospital X employed 2 breast radiologists, 2 general radiologists, and 3 interventionist radiologists.
7. By hospital and by financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), what was the minimum and maximum hourly rate paid to (a) internal locum radiologists, and (b) agency locum radiologists?
8. By hospital and by financial year, between 2013/14 and 2018/19 (to date), what was the highest paid shift by (a) an internal locum radiologist, and (b) an agency locum radiologist? This should include date of shift, specialty, and shift length.
9. How many radiologist consultant vacancies did you have as of 26 July 2018?

### Response

Please find below data as per your request above:

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to date
1. Regular Radiologist Expenditure	£996,258	£968,712	£963,418	£982,229	£1,128,343	£394,136
2. Internal Locum Radiologist Expenditure	£80,065	£86,237	£60,161	£58,283	£58,693	£3,100

3. Agency Locum Radiologist Expenditure	£0	£0	£0	£21,086	£0	£0
4. Number of Regular Radiologists	6.22 WTE	7.15 WTE	7.00 WTE	6.51 WTE	7.66 WTE	8.39 WTE
5. Number of Internal Locum Radiologists	0.50 WTE	0.61 WTE	0.50 WTE	0.50 WTE	0.53 WTE	0.08 WTE
6. Number of Agency Locum Radiologists	0	0	0	0.78 WTE	0	0

7. NHS Borders Finance System is unable to extract this data therefore it would require a manual trawl of all paper invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore we are not required to provide.
8. A) Internal Locum – The highest rate paid since March 2016 was £88.29 per hour, shift length of 4 hours, in General Radiology.
- B) Agency Locum - NHS Borders Finance System is unable to extract this data therefore it would require a manual trawl of all paper invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore we are not required to provide.
9. NHS Borders did not have any radiologist consultant vacancies as of 26 July 2018.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

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 **369-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.