

Freedom of Information request 516-18

Request

I would like you to send me the locum agency spend in the AHP/HSS division of the hospital for Echocardiographers and Cardiac Physiologists who would most likely be in the Cardiology department, also Sonographers who would be in the Ultrasound/Imaging Department. I would like to know the spend from January 2018 - present, also including the amount of locums that this refers to per month, broken down on a monthly basis. In the breakdown if you could please include the agencies that provide the locums also broken down numerically.

Ideally this would read as below –

January 2018 - £34k Cardiology - £6k Sonographers
Globe - Echocardiographer x 3
HCL - Echocardiographer x 2
Globe - Cardiac Physiologist x 5
Maxxima - Cardiac Physiologist x 2
RIG - Sonographers x 2

February 2018 - £37k Cardiology - £4k Sonographers
Globe - Echocardiographer x 4

Then a breakdown all the way to as present as possible.

Response

The Board have incurred the following agency staffing costs within the Physiological Measurement Service. The Agency Staff commissioned were to deliver Echocardiography and Sonography services.

The analysis of staffing each month is not given as this would require analysis of 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 under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

All agency spend has been incurred with Globe Locums.

2017/18	In month spend
January 2018	£9,786.53
February 2018	£3,500.90
March 2018	£11,232.00
2018/19	
April 2018	£7,430.46
May 2018	£10,361.16
June 2018	£9,356.16
July 2018	£6,341.61
August 2018	£11,190.47
September 2018	£22,895.21

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Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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