

Freedom of Information request 559-18

Request

1. Please could you confirm the names of the top 8 locum agencies you have the most spend with within AHP/HSS there at the trust from the financial year 2017 – 2018
2. Please could you state the utilisation rate for each agency that has been achieved? This should amount to the total value of AHP locum spend supplied by each agency during the 2017 -2018 financial year as a percentage of total AHP locum spend in the same period.
3. Please can you break down your total spend on AHP/HSS agency staff during the financial year 2017 – 2018 for the specialisms below?
 - Radiographers
 - Sonographers(Please combine Radiographers and Sonographers if it's not possible to separate them!)
 - Clinical Physiologists
 - Audiologists
 - Speech Therapists
 - Physiotherapists
 - Dietetics
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Podiatrists
 - Biomedical Scientists
 - Pharmacists
 - Mortuary Technician
 - Sterile Services Technician

Response

1&2. The table below details the eight locum agencies with which NHS Borders had the highest spend for supply of AHP/HSS Agency Staff in 2017/18:

Supplier Name	Total Spend on Supplier	Percentage of AHP/HSS Agency Spend
Globe Locums	£135,890.46	32.33%
Care Providers Healthcare	£69,046.80	16.42%
Pulse Healthcare Ltd	£63,157.22	15.02%
Sugarman Group Ltd	£32,712.30	7.78%
Sensible Locums	£26,976.60	6.42%
Liquid Personnel Ltd	£23,802.60	5.66%
Piers Meadows Recruitment Ltd.	£22,451.52	5.34%
Sanctuary Personnel Ltd	£16,192.61	3.85%

3. NHS Borders incurred the following expenditure on AHP/HSS agency staff in 2017/18:

Staff Group	Total Agency Staff Spend in 2017/18
Physiotherapy	£89,928
Occupational Therapy	£38,295
Speech & Language Therapy	£8,516
Dietetics	£82,245
Physiological Measurement	£92,483
Radiology	£76,431
Other not detailed (Projects staff not detailed by staff group)	£32,488

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.

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 **559-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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