

Freedom of Information request 300-19

Request & Response

I am hoping that you can help me with a freedom of information request. Please provide me with the below information relating to staffing within the diagnostic radiography/medical imaging/ultrasound department (all modalities including: General X-Ray, CT, MRI, Mammography & Ultrasound)

1. How many permanent staff are employed by the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

Headcount - 28 WTE - 24.1

2. How many permanent vacancies are currently open/unfilled within the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

None

3. How many agency staff/locums are currently being used across the Radiography/Imaging department (Radiographers & Sonographers, not Radiologists)?

There is one Sonographer (0.4 WTE) to cover maternity leave

4. For agency staff/locums, what is the split in numbers between radiographers and sonographers?

NHS Borders only employ agency Sonographer staff

5. How many bank temps are being used across the Radiography/Imaging department?

There are 4 bank staff on zero hour contracts

6. During the 2017-2018 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary agency staff?

£76,431

7. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary agency staff?

£14,491

8. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on temporary bank staff?

£53,536 – zero hour contracts

9. During the 2018-2019 financial year, how much did the Radiography/Imaging department spend on permanent finders/introduction fees through recruitment agencies?

No spend

10. Does the Radiography/Imaging department have a dedicated breast screening unit?

No

11. Please provide me with the following contact names within the authority:

- a) The name of the senior manager (Radiology Services Manager / Imaging Services Manager) with overall responsibility for the Radiography/Imaging department.
- b) The name of the head of temporary staffing.

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