

## Freedom of Information request 293-22

### Request

- Please confirm which 5 agencies you spent the most with for each staff group for the year 2021-2022.
  - Locum Doctors
  - Nurses
  - Allied Health Professionals
  - Non-medical non-clinical
- Please provide the total spend for the last 3 years (including Locum, Nurses, AHP and Non-medical non-clinical)?
- Please confirm what is the policy for auditing time-sheets against the rest breaks.

### Response

- Please see data below as per request. Please note that the charges relating to nursing were not necessarily paid via NHS Borders, as this is managed by Lothian:

Locum Doctors		Nurses		AHP		Non Medical/Clinical	
Surgi-call Locums	£538,869	ID Medical Group Ltd	£439,437	Maxxima Ltd	£61,874	Care Providers Healthcare	£48,469
Medacs Healthcare Services Plc	£328,956	SOS Medical Ltd	£398,448	Sanctuary Personnel Ltd	£46,863	Atlantis Medical Ltd	£23,040
Head Resourcing Limited	£159,173	SNG	£388,715	Set Healthcare Ltd	£36,966	MBI Medical Recruitment Ltd	£19,344
NC Healthcare Limited	£146,034	Social Care Community Partnership	£106,219	Globe Locums Limited	£20,060	Morgan Hunt UK Ltd	£18,270
Locum X	£141,116	Yourworld Recruitment	£62,829	Piers Meadows Recruitment Ltd	£12,478	Vivid Healthcare	£6,324

- Total spend on Agency for the last three years is:
  - 2019/20 - £2,048,031
  - 2020/21 - £2,646,760
  - 2021/22 - £4,896,335
- There is a break policy (attached) in place, which is made clear to all candidates and their agency in advance. Timesheets are approved by the Consultant / Senior Nurse on shift and breaks recorded.



NHS Borders Locum  
Breaks Policyver3.doc

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 **293-22** 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.