

9 August 2017

Dear Mr Whiteley

Information Request – Locum Supply

I am writing with regard to your Freedom of Information request on 24 July 2017 that was received by NHS Health Scotland on the same day, in which you ask the following:

“Please can you provide the sum of the trust’s Locum expenditure across Allied health professionals since April 6th and the number of Locum AHPs currently on board.”

Unfortunately we are unable to help you with your request. Although NHS Health Scotland is a part of the NHS in Scotland, we do not provide health services directly to the public including in hospitals and we have no role in monitoring or providing the information that you are looking for. Our role is to work with a range of organisations including other NHS Boards, local government, the third sector and employers to help them use knowledge about what works to improve the health of people in Scotland. [This link](#) describes the different organisations that make up the NHS in Scotland.

Therefore you may wish to redirect your request to the 14 local health boards which provide care in their area, and in this case contact details are available [here](#)

If for any reason you are not satisfied with our response, you do have the right to ask the Chief Executive to review our response. You should do this within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape etc). The Chief Executive will consider your query, consulting with others as necessary, and will respond to you within 20 working days.

I hope that this is of help to you.

Yours sincerely



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