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Dear Andrew,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please can you provide me with further information on the supply of agency Staff to your trust/authority. Please could you advise on the agency/locum spend for the following categories during the following time periods:

Categories:

All Allied Health Professions (AHP)
All Health Science Services (HSS)
Radiography / Medical Imaging
Physiotherapy
Pathology
Pharmacy
Mortuary
Nursing
Medical Locums (Doctors)

Time periods:

2006 (1st Jan-31st Dec)
2007 (1st Jan-31st Dec)
2008 (1st Jan-31st Dec)
2009 (1st Jan-31st Dec)
2010 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)
2010 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)
2010 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)
2010 (Q4 – 1st October – 31st December)
2011 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)
2011 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)
2011 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)

Please see the attached document. Please be aware that we do not record the above data in a way that will allow a system generated report to provide an answer to the above question in the way you have stipulated. Invoices relating to agency staff are coded to departments/directorates as opposed to role. By running a report from the Trusts financial system we are able to tell you that we have incurred the following agency charges by department/directorates.

2. Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of agency/locum staff within the above categories to your trust/authority along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.

All agency workers are engaged under the terms of national and local frameworks, including medical locums

I trust that this information answers your original request, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Foster
Chief Executive**

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