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Dear Ola Michalik

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Re: your application under the Freedom of Information Act for information regarding Direct Engagement for Locum Staff

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 2 April 2019.

You requested the following information:

What is your agency spend on Medical Locums/AHP's financial year 2017/2018?
Do you have a Direct Engagement arrangement for Medical Locums/ AHPs? If so who is your current provider?
When does the contract with your current provider expire?
What is the cost of this service and it charged per hour or % fee?

We have dealt with your request under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act which entitles you to be provided with any information held by a public authority, unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Please find below our response:

What is your agency spend on Medical Locums/AHP's financial year 2017/2018? **Medical Locums spend £2039493. The spend for nursing and health services was £3446279. Data is not held specifically for AHP spend.**

Do you have a Direct Engagement arrangement for Medical Locums/ AHPs? **Yes** If so who is your current provider? **Liaison**

When does the contract with your current provider expire? **November 2020.**

What is the cost of this service and it charged per hour or % fee? **% fee. The cost of this service has been withheld under Section 43 of the FOI Act. As this is a qualified exemption, the Trust is required to apply the public interest test when considering withholding information. The Trust has considered the public interest arguments in relation to the disclosure of further contractual information. We acknowledge the need for openness and transparency in the NHS however we believe that sharing such contractual arrangements between the**

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Yours sincerely



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