

Our Ref: lab/FOI 22-428

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, reference number FOI 22-428. I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold information in relation to your request below:

**Please release the following information under FOI act for Ophthalmology department during the period of 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 regarding locum on call cover**

- 1. The total amount of payment made to locum agencies for cover of 1st on call doctor in Ophthalmology during above mentioned period. Please also provide an itemized breakdown (preferably in a spreadsheet) by hourly payment made to locum agency?**  
No spend for this period.
- 2. What is the maximum hourly rate offered for locum on call cover to the locum agency?**  
Not applicable
- 3. Detail of how many days needed locum on call doctor cover which was covered by agency staff?**  
Not applicable
- 4. What is the number of on calls that were covered by the internal hospital doctors?**  
Not applicable
- 5. What is the amount spent for locum on call cover by internal (non agency) doctors during the mentioned period?**  
The Health Board has not used internal locum doctors for this period.

**6. What is maximum allowable hourly rate offered to registrar level non agency (non consultant) doctors in the health Board?**

The Health Board has not used internal locum doctors for this period and can confirm the capped rate for registrar level, non-consultant doctors would be £57.05.

**7. Please provide the name of the agencies used by the health board for Ophthalmology locum cover?**

If the Health Board had a requirement to use locum agencies in this area, we would utilise the CCS framework agreement RM6161. Agency details can be found on the Crown Commercial [website](#).

If you are not satisfied that the information you have requested has been provided, or because of the way your request has been handled, you have the right to request a review. This would be looked into in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidelines, which state that a request for review should be received within two months of you receiving the Health Board's response to your request for information. Please contact Rani Mallison, Director of Corporate Governance, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Headquarters, St Cadoc's Hospital, Lodge Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3XQ, email: [ABB.BoardSecretary@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABB.BoardSecretary@wales.nhs.uk) in the first instance if you wish to request a review.

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Yours sincerely



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