

Our Ref: lab/FOI 22-428

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Dear Mr Khan

Thank you for your request received on 28th September 2022 for a review to be undertaken in relation to the Health Board's reply to your FOI request, reference FOI 22-428. I have now reviewed your FOI request and the Health Board's response of 27th September 2022, the outcome of which is set out below:

Can you please again clarify if ABUHB has not had any form of sickness or any staff shortage in ophthalmology directorate during the period mentioned in the original request which required any locum doctor on call cover?

In requesting a review, you asked for the release of information under the FOI Act, in respect of the Ophthalmology department during the period of 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 regarding locum on call cover. Specifically, you asked for a review of the following:

- 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?***

Original Health Board response: "No spend for this period."

Upon review, I can confirm that the following information is available for disclosure to you. Please accept my apologies for the omission of this information previously.

Reviewed Response: The total spend for on-call via agency for the period was as follows:

Agency	On Call units	Invoice On call
Electus Professionals Ltd	288.5*	47,796

*average rate of £165.67 including VAT

5. What is the amount spent for locum on call cover by internal (non agency) doctors during the mentioned period?

Original Health Board Response: "The Health Board has not used internal locum doctors for this period."

Upon review I can confirm that there was no locum on-call cover for this period. On-call during this period was covered by the Health Board's substantive staff.

I trust that this provides the information requested. However, should you remain dissatisfied with the Health Board's response, you are able to contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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Yours sincerely



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