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Dear Brinder,

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 12/13: 112

Response Letter

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH).

You were requesting information regarding the supply of medical agency staff.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

Request:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and ask that you provide me with further information on the supply of medical agency staff to your trust/authority from 2009 to 2012 to include the following information:

- 1 Cost to the trust/authority
- 2 Grade
- 3 Supplier/Agency
- 4 Speciality

Response:

Please see the attached spreadsheet containing the cost per agency for the past 3 years. Please note that where the agency is a single individual (for example a sole trader) the name has been exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information.

| Exemption Description | Reason/Explanation |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Section 40 (1) – Personal Information | <p>Applicants cannot access personal information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Personal information is Exempt from disclosure under Part II (Section 40 - Personal Information) of the Act.</p> <p>Access to personal information is governed by different legislation, the Data Protection Act 1998.</p> |

Please also note that the Trust does not code invoices by grade or specific speciality therefore this information is not held.

We hope that you will find the information provided both informative and helpful. We also hope that you will be satisfied with the manner in which we have dealt with your Freedom of Information request. If not, please do let me know or you may ask for an independent internal review under the Freedom of Information complaints procedure at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this response. Please see the attached leaflet.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you may make an approach to the Information Commissioner as outlined in the attached leaflet.

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

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If there is anything you need clarification on, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above address or if by e-mail to foi@ngh.nhs.uk quoting the reference NGFOI 12/13:112 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc. 3 year agency finance (excel spreadsheet)