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Dear Mr James

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 28 March 2024, requesting:

“PLEASE NOTE: 'Pharmacy Locums' refers to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians & pharmacy assistants/assistant technical officers.

- 1) What is the total Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding*
 - 2) What is the total Off-Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding.*
 - 3) How many Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.*
 - 4) How many Off-Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.*
 - 5) How many requirements came out for the pharmacy agency staff from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024, please break this down per month.*
- Pharmacy under AHP*
- 6) In relation to question 5 please provide what the fill rate for those requirements were with Framework Agency workers against Trust Bank workers.*

7) *What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency pharmacy locums and who is responsible for managing them?*

8) *In relation to question 7 please can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary pharmacy agency contracts for your Trust?"*

I can now respond as follows:

1) What is the total Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding

AND

2) What is the total Off-Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding.

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3) How many Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.

AND

4) How many Off-Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.

AND

5) How many requirements came out for the pharmacy agency staff from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024, please break this down per month.

AND

- Pharmacy under AHP

6) In relation to question 5 please provide what the fill rate for those requirements were with Framework Agency workers against Trust Bank workers.

AND

7) What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency pharmacy locums and who is responsible for managing them?

AND

8) In relation to question 7 please can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary pharmacy agency contracts for your Trust?

In relation to all the above questions NHS Grampian can advise it had no locums during the requested period.

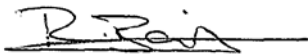
Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Grampian has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request. Should you be unhappy with the outcome of that review you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within 40 working days and should, in the first instance, be in writing to: Directorate of Corporate Communications, Foresterhill House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZB or by email to gram.foi@nhs.scot

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611.

If you remain dissatisfied following an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner your recourse is to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bains', with a horizontal line underneath.

Roohi Bains
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