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Dear ▮▮▮

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 43709 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

 Locum and Private Provider Spend

Your request is set out below:

- How much money was spent on locums in 2024 to date, 2023, 2022 and 2021?
  Please see table below.
- How much money was spent on private beds in 2024 to date, 2023, 2022 and 2021?
  Please see table below.

	Locum spend £	Private beds spend £
2020/2021	1,181,161	4,033,435
2021/2022	1,054,285	3,738,778
2022/2023	510,604	4,975,506
2023/2024	778,477	5,245,696

"Locums" is defined here as medical staff who have worked additional hours within the trust, usually in addition to a substantive contract or occasionally as part of an internal bank system. All locums are paid in accordance with trust terms and conditions, via our internal payroll.
"Private beds" includes all costs associated with the provision of the bed, including additional nursing costs, but excludes all costs associated with transport to/from the placement.

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- How much money was spent on private agency staffing providers in 2024 to date, 2023, 2022 and 2021?

	Agency Spend £
2020/2021	8,739,797
2021/2022	7,536,511
2022/2023	8,033,849
2023/2024	8,340,347

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department