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I would be grateful if you can supply agency spend data for Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech & Language Therapy for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

We are able to provide agency spend data for Speech and Language Therapy, but Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy data is collated under Rehabilitation. The table below therefore shows the agency spend data for Speech & Language Therapy and the total agency spend on Rehabilitation which covers both Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

	2010/2011	2011/2012.
Rehabilitation (including Physiotherapy & Occupational therapy)	£465,727	£201,753 (9 months)
Speech & Language Therapy	£6,326	£6,038 (9 months)

We are sorry but we cannot divide the data for Rehabilitation into the categories requested, as it would involve going through each individual agency invoice. We have estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate all the information you have requested and that the associated cost would therefore exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

The fee limit specified in regulations for NHS trusts represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour determining whether the Trust holds the information sought and then locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act in circumstances where the fee limit is likely to be exceeded the Trust is not obliged to respond to the request. Accordingly, we are sorry but on this occasion we will not be processing this part your request further.

2. I would also like an organisational structure to include managers names for the above departments.

We do not necessarily have posts within the Trust with the specific job titles you have requested. Therefore, we have enclosed our organisational structure showing the responsibilities of our Trust Executive and Business Unit Directors.

Each Directorate has some information about their teams and services offered which also can be found on our website www.southend.nhs.uk.