

January 2012

*1. Please can you provide me with further information on the supply of agency Staff to your Trust. Please could you advise on the agency/locum spend for Nursing and Medical Locums during:*

*2010 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)  
2010 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)  
2010 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)  
2010 (Q4 – 1st October – 31st December)  
2011 (Q1 – 1st Jan – 31st March)  
2011 (Q2 – 1st April – 30th June)  
2011 (Q3 – 1st July – 30th September)  
2011 (Q3 – 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> December)*

In the first instance, I would like to reassure you that it is the Trust's intention to provide information which is requested by the public under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, provided the information exists and no exemptions apply.

We may hold the information requested, however, this information is not recorded separately in an easily retrievable form. This is because we do not currently have a document containing the specific data that you have requested and our current systems are unable to provide a breakdown of data in the exact format sought. We have estimated that to manually retrieve and collate the information you have requested would involve going through each individual agency invoice and that this would take more than 18 hours. 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 of your request further.

However, we have attached a schedule of the information we hold regarding agency spend for the first 5 months of this financial year (April to August 2011). The schedule also shows the total for 2010-11.

Sum of Amount									
Account	Account(T)	2011 01	2011 02	2011 03	2011 04	2011 05	Year to Aug 2011	2010-11 Total	2010-11 Monthly
MP01	Agency Consultants	42,962	56,714	42,258	107,589	102,929	352,451	903,513	75,293
MP03	Agency Staff Grade	33,192	49,717	29,250	72,333	42,746	227,237	699,136	58,261
MP04	Agency Registrars	87,263	54,124	57,258	69,186	57,873	325,704	946,092	78,841
MP05	Agency FY2's	134,826	71,523	49,400	32,444	106,293	394,485	1,055,682	87,974
MP06	Agency FY1's			8,624	10,679	22,322	41,625	47,144	3,929
MP45	Agency PTA Staff					4,283	4,283	39,023	3,252
MP51	Agency PTB Staff	83,045	91,521	94,507	66,289	66,597	401,959	737,601	61,467
MP71	Agency A & C.Other	(563)	999	(691)			(255)	40,885	3,407
PD81	Agency Nursing	112,334	130,590	131,600	119,941	113,774	608,239	1,396,491	116,374
PE85	Agency Physiotherapy	41,295	27,945	28,269	13,121	12,498	123,128	636,418	53,035
PG60	Agency Technicians	8,968	11,716	12,459	7,420	11,986	52,549	108,924	9,077
PJ27	Agency Pharmacists							(1,017)	(85)
PK20	Agency Admin & Clerical			724			724	160,170	13,348
PL06	Agency Porters	5,600	5,959	6,162	7,796	4,620	30,137	96,623	8,052
PL11	Agency Domestic	65,846	64,153	40,155	70,507	60,572	301,234	945,749	78,812
PL22	Agency Security	26,181	18,990	21,311	4,123	3,498	74,103	237,186	19,765
PL41	Agency Drivers	2,489					2,489	30,947	2,579
PM14	Agency Maintenance	(0)	589	488			1,077	15,210	1,267
PM27	Agency Works Staff	(1,575)					(1,575)	123,395	10,283
ZH11	Agency Capital Projects	106,037	79,006	35,551	72,584	80,424	373,603	1,290,080	107,507
Grand Total		747,901	663,545	557,325	654,012	690,414	3,313,197	9,509,250	792,437
Total Excluding Capital		641,863	584,539	521,774	581,428	609,990	2,939,594	8,219,170	684,931

Key = Doctors

Comparative Figures	2010-11	2009-10
	Grand Total	Grand Total
	£	£
<b>Agency All</b>	<b>9,509,248</b>	<b>9,844,679</b>
Agency excluding Capital	8,219,170	8,331,301

Refunds

2. *Please outline details of any current framework or preferred supplier list in place for the supply of agency/locum staff within the above categories to your trust/authority along with details on any renewal dates or plans to re-procure the agreements.*

The Trust uses the Office of Commerce (OGC) Framework when making decisions on which agency to use.

There are a number of agencies used to supply nurses and assistants.

<b>Agency</b>
1st Care Nursing Ltd
Allied Health Professionals Ltd
Ambition Recruitment Services Limited
Anglia Ruskin University
Basildon & Thurrock University Nhs Trust
Brook Street Uk Ltd
Essex Nursing Services
Hays Accountancy Personnel
Hays Healthcare Ltd
Hays Office Support
Jark Healthcare Ltd
Mayday Healthcare Plc
Medicspro Ltd
Ns Health Staffing
Orion
Orion Locums Ltd
Otodynamics Ltd
Pulse Healthcare Ltd
Pulse Surgical Ltd
South Essex Partnership Nhs Trust
Urban Recruitment Group Ltd