

June 2012

1. *Please could you furnish me with the spend information for agency locums for January – March 2012 for the following staff:*

- *Radiographers (Diagnostic including CT/MRI etc)*
- *Sonographers*
- *Radiotherapists (if applicable)*
- *OT's*
- *Physiotherapists*
- *SLT's*
- *Pharmacists*
- *Dieticians*
- *Podiatrists*
- *Cardiac Technicians (Echo/Physiologists)*

Please can you indicate the split between acute and community services if applicable.

We are able to provide agency spend data as shown in the table below for the period January to March 2012.

Agency Locums	Spend January – March 2012
Technicians (Cardiology)	£29,804
Rehabilitation Staff	£29,529
Allied Health Professionals (including Radiotherapy and Radiography)	£125,482

We are sorry but we cannot provide the data for the agency spend split 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.