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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19th July 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Agency and Insourcing spend and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please provide the following information you have pertaining to NHS Trust agency staffing expenditure.

- 1. What is the total value of spend by your NHS Trust with on-framework and off-framework recruitment agencies by staff group (see staff groups below) on a temporary basis? Please provide this information for the following years (*please fill in the tables below*).**

Note: Please provide total spend inclusive of salaries and agency margin / fees.

Note: If cannot provide split of spend by on- vs off- framework agencies, please provide total spend.

On-framework agency spend:

| Total spend by role | Total on-framework agency spend by staff group, that are recruited on a temporary basis via an agency | | |
|--|---|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-22 to Mar-23 |
| Healthcare Assistant & Other Support | £1.478m | £1.757m | £2.251m |
| Healthcare Science | £0.474m | £0.260m | £0.329m |
| Medical & Dental | £7.238m | £4.619m | £4.322m |
| Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting | £0.613m | £0.419m | £0.360m |
| Scientific, Therapeutic & Technical (AHPS) | £0.002m | £0.088m | £0.113m |
| Other | £0.645m | £0.141m | £0.270m |

Off-framework agency spend:

| Total spend by role | Total off-framework agency spend by staff group, that are recruited on a temporary basis via an agency | | |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-22 to Mar-23 |
| Healthcare Assistant & Other Support | Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case the Trust is claiming an exemption under Section 21 of the Act, namely the information regarding off-framework is otherwise accessible from our website. County Durham and Darlington - Workforce and Organisational Development Reports (cddft.nhs.uk) | | |
| Healthcare Science | | | |
| Medical & Dental | | | |
| Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting | | | |
| Scientific, Therapeutic & Technical (AHPS) | | | |
| Other | | | |

2. Do you use insourcing providers?

Yes

Note: Insourcing definition: [Insourcing of Clinical Services - NHS SBS](#)

If yes to previous question (use of insourcing providers), what is the total value of spend, listed by speciality and insourcing provider used for Apr-22 to Mar-23?

Note: If an insourcing provider covers multiple specialities, please list that provider multiple times (one row for each speciality).

| Speciality (e.g., general surgery, ophthalmology, etc) | Insourcing provider (fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required) | Total spend (Apr-22 to Mar-23) |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Dermatology | Kairos | £24,675 |
| Dermatology | Intersource Medical | £73,680 |
| Endoscopy | GT77 | £456,495 |
| Endoscopy | Totally Healthcare | £35,005 |
| Orthopaedics | Kairos | £190,300 |
| General Surgery | Cathedral Surgical Services | £67,135 |
| General Surgery | Kairos | £56,533 |
| General Surgery | Durham Surgical Services | £204,300 |
| Theatres | KPI Healthcare | £1,574,310 |

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator