

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-572**

4 January 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**1. Last financial year agency locum and bank spend**

**-Please break down into Specialty and grade**

Please see Medical agency breakdown attached.

**2. Names of agencies used to fill vacancies**

**- How much does each agency charge**

Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. Information about the procurement of goods and services by a public authority is usually considered to be commercially sensitive. This can include information provided during a tendering process and also details of a contract or transaction with a third party. In determining the Trust response to your request in relation to the application of this exemption we have conducted a public interest test, the details of which follow:

Argument for disclosure

Disclosure of commercial information can make public authorities more accountable for how they spend public money. This argument is applicable to both purchasing of goods or services and awarding grants to private sector companies. If people have a better understanding of how public money is spent, this may give them more confidence in the integrity of the public authority and in its ability to effectively allocate public funds. Alternatively it may enable them to make more informed challenges to the spending of public money by public authorities.

Argument against disclosure

There is also a public interest in allowing public authorities to withhold information which if disclosed, would reduce its ability to negotiate or compete fairly in a commercial environment.

The prejudice test

In order to apply section 43(2), the Trust must satisfy itself that disclosure of the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice or harm its commercial interests.

In this case we have therefore determined that disclosure of the information would more probably than not prejudice the Trusts Commercial Interests in subsequent negotiations with another third party.

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust has a procurement and tendering process in place which governs the procurement of services and is managed via the Bristol and Weston Purchasing Consortium. For further information on the services they provide, please visit the BWPC website.

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust ensure that competitive tenders are invited for the supply of goods, materials and manufactured articles and for the rendering of services including all forms of management consultancy services and for the design, construction and maintenance of building and engineering works.

For information on contracts that have or are currently being tendered, and for all current opportunities, please visit our e-tendering portal CTM it is free to suppliers and once registered you will be able to respond for requests for quotations and tenders.

For further information or for details of our spend over £25,000, please visit our 'about us' pages of our Trust website <https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it>.

### **3. What is your trust wide budgeted establishment per specialty and grade for doctors Please see attached Establishment in post breakdown**

- Name of Specialty / Division or Directorate:
- Consultants, Locum Consultant Contract and Associate Specialists:
- CT/ST3 - CT/ST7, Specialty Doctors, Senior Clinical Fellows, CESR Fellow or Middle Grade Level:
- FY1-ST2, Trust Grade, Junior Clinical Fellow or SHO level:

### **4. What is your actual current establishment for doctor Please see attached Establishment in post breakdown**

- Name of Specialty / Division or Directorate:
- Consultants, Locum Consultant Contract and Associate Specialists:
- CT/ST3 - CT/ST7, Specialty Doctors, Senior Clinical Fellows, CESR Fellow or Middle Grade Level:
- FY1-ST2, Trust Grade, Junior Clinical Fellow or SHO level:

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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