

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-047**

9 February 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. The amount spent on employing agency, temporary and/or locum doctors in A&E departments in each month in 2019 and 2020.**

Agency/Locums in A & E	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
2019 Totals	49	35	29	26	23	29	25	26	26	23	29	35
2020 Totals	28	39	71	28	28	31	31	30	29	28	31	46

**2. The number of FTE roles in A&E departments covered by agency, temporary and/or locum doctors in each month in 2019 and 2020.**

**3. The total number of FTE doctors (including agency, temporary and/or locum and permanent staff) working in A&E departments in each month in 2019 and 2020.**

The Trust has only had the A&E booking system since Sept 2019, so not the full 2019 year. The number of vacancies has fluctuated over this period and we have many locums in ED, as they don't generally sign up for block bookings of a few months for example, they just sign up for adhoc shifts, rather than being allocated to a specific vacancy. The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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  
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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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