

Date: 20th August 2025.
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 112

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Locum Doctor Spend (CORP 25/26 – 112)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 15th August 2025.

Your Request:

In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- *Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum doctors*

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- *Spend per grade*
- *Spend per specialty*
- *Spend per agency name*

In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- *Total trust spend with off-framework agencies for locums doctors*

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- *Spend per grade*
- *Spend per specialty*
- *Spend per agency name*

In the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- *Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum doctors*

Please provide a further breakdown for locum doctors by:

- *Spend per grade*
- *Spend per specialty*
- *Spend per internal or associated external provider*

Please confirm your allocated budget for agency locum doctors for the period 1st May 2025 to 31st July 2025

Please find the Trust's response below:

As warned in our previous response to you, the Trust is applying an exemption under Section 14(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states:

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- (2) Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

The Trust received the same request from you every few months, therefore the application of a Qualified Exemption under Section 14(2) is because a reasonable interval has not elapsed since the last time identical information was provided to you. The Trust recommends revising the frequency of requests so that a reasonable interval has elapsed to enable the Trust to provide information to you whilst be mindful of its resources in providing such information. The Trust recommends at least 6-9 months between requests.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

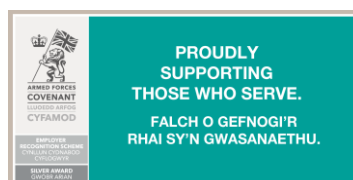
You should forward your complaint to:

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance
Velindre University NHS Trust
2, Charnwood Court
Heol Billingsley
Parc Nantgarw
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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
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CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
email: wales@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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