FOI 3328

Date 04/12/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Has the Trust used recruitment agencies to recruit temporary non-medical non-clinical staff?

Yes

If so, please confirm the total agency spend on non-medical nonclinical temporary staff for the period April 2023 to present.

£807,309

Please provide a breakdown of your answer to question

Please see attached

1. Has the Trust used recruitment agencies to recruit permanent non-medical non-clinical staff?

No

a. If so, please confirm the total agency spend on non-medical nonclinical permanent staff for the period April 2023 to present

N/A

b. Please provide a breakdown of your answer to question 2a, splitting the spend by job title/specialism.

N/A

1. The contact name of the person responsible for authorising the supply of non-medical nonclinical permanent staff via recruitment agencies?

Exempt under Section 40 – personal information

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1. For the same 12-month period, please can you provide the list of recruitment agencies that have supplied to you for non-clinical staff outside of the framework

N/A

1. Please can you confirm on what occasions you would look to go outside of the framework for nonclinical staffing?

N/A

1. Could you please provide a breakdown in % of agency spend vs. bank staff?

1% Agency

7% Bank

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 Yours sincerely,

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