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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th May 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding locum shifts for doctors.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I would like to make a request under the freedom of information act (2000). I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for Royal Stoke University Hospital which should not take over the statutory 18-hour limit;

- a) **The number of locum shifts for doctors available in each month from August 2016 – July 2017 subdivided into FY1, FY2, SHO, Reg, consultant etc.**
- b) **The number of these shifts which were filled.**
- c) **The number of these shifts which were unfilled.**
- d) **The number of these shifts which were advertised to external agencies.**
- e) **The cost in £ paid to external locum agencies from August 16 - July 17.**

A1 Please see below:

- a) see attached
- b) see attached
- c) see attached
- d) see attached
- e) £1,557,167.51 inc VAT paid to agencies. This is agency commission element of bookings – Wages paid directly to doctors.

Caveats:

For STAFFflow bookings we have assumed 8 hours worked = 1 shift.

a) The number of locum shifts for doctors available in each month

This is based on shifts booked through STAFFflow or TempRE only with the dates based on the end date of the shift. This includes all shifts regardless of status.

b) The number of these shifts which were filled August 2016-July 2017

This is based on filled shifts booked through STAFFflow or TempRE only with the dates based on the end date of the shift.

c) The number of these shifts which were unfilled

This is based on unfilled or vacant shifts booked through STAFFflow or TempRE only with the dates based on the end date of the shift.

d) The number of these shifts which were filled by external agencies August 2016- July 2017

This is based on filled shifts booked through STAFFflow or TempRE only with the dates based on the end date of the shift. This only includes shifts filled by external agencies

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



University Hospitals
of North Midlands
NHS Trust

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mojgan Casillas', written over a large, light blue oval shape.

Mojgan Casillas
Interim Information Governance Manager