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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding locum spend.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the NHS.**

**I would like you to send me the locum agency spend in the AHP/HSS division of the hospital for Echocardiographers and Cardiac Physiologists who would most likely be in the Cardiology department, also Sonographers who would be in the Ultrasound/Imaging Department. I would like to know the spend from January 2018 - present, also including the amount of locums that this refers to per month, broken down on a monthly basis. In the breakdown if you could please include the agencies that provide the locums also broken down numerically.**

**Ideally this would read as below -**

**January 2018 - £34k Cardiology - £6k Sonographers**  
**Globe - Echocardiographer x 3**  
**HCL - Echocardiographer x 2**  
**Globe - Cardiac Physiologist x 5**  
**Maxxima - Cardiac Physiologist x 2**  
**RIG - Sonographers x 2**

**February 2018 - £37k Cardiology - £4k Sonographers**  
**Globe - Echocardiographer x 4**

**Then a breakdown all the way to as present as possible. If you could provide this either in a PDF or excel format.**

**A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved,**

and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can provide the number of locums and agency spend per month in the Cardiology department:

Cardiology	Head Count	£
January	1	7,939
February	1	8,380
March	2	5,166
April	2	8,786
May	3	9,905
June	3	16,410
July	3	9,209
August	3	7,669
September	4	17,319

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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

Yours,



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