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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

Royal Stoke University Hospital

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Email FOI@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding locum agency spend.

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. I apologise in the delay to your response.

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 Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians. I would like to know the spend for 2018 with each agency- if this is not possible then I'd like to know overall spend for the year for both Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

Specialty	Spend YTD	Agency	Amount spent with agency

A1 The information held by the Trust is for the overall spend, by cost centre, it is not held by agency name.

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Pharmacy	£131,058		

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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.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via 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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