

30 November 2015

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By email

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOI Act”)

I refer to your email of 2 November 2015 in which you requested information under the FOI Act.

Your request

You made the following request:

You very kindly provided me with the answer to a previous Fol request and I am now interested in seeing the evolution of that data over time. Could you therefore provide me with a breakdown of the annual locum spend in the Foundation Trust sector by:

- *Nursing staff*
- *Doctors*
- *Other staff*

For the last 5 years (2008-09 to 2013-14 inclusive)?

Decision

Monitor does not hold the information that you have requested.

Breakdown of annual locum spend: 2008 to 2014

Monitor does not hold data about the annual locum spend of NHS foundation trusts broken down by staffing group for any of the years between 2008 and 2014. This is because Monitor did not collect this data as part of NHS foundation trusts' annual plans, in-year reporting or financial accounts during those years.

Additional data to assist

Monitor holds data about the annual locum spend of NHS foundation trusts broken down by staffing group between 2014 and 2015. Whilst you have not requested this data, we are releasing it to you in order to assist you in compliance with our duty under section 16 of the FOI Act. This data is set out in the table below.

Category of locum and agency staff expenditure	£m spend in 2014/15
Doctors - locum, contract, non-substantive	407
Nurses - agency	543
Other agency and contract staff	898
Total locum and agency staff	1,848

Please note that £1,848 million in the table above is the figure in the 2014/15 consolidated accounts of NHS foundation trusts.

As NHS foundation trusts are subject to the FOI Act, it is open to you to seek information directly from them. They will need to consider whether information can properly be provided by them in response to any such requests within the terms of the FOI Act.

Review rights

If you consider that your request for information has not been properly handled or if you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you can try to resolve this informally with the person who dealt with your request. If you remain dissatisfied, you may seek an internal review within Monitor of the issue or the decision. A senior member of Monitor's staff, who has not previously been involved with your request, will undertake that review.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review conducted by Monitor, you may complain to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the FOI Act.

A request for an internal review should be submitted in writing to FOI Request Reviews, Monitor, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG or by email to foi@monitor.gov.uk.

Please note that this letter will shortly be published on our website. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the FOI Act is disclosed to the public at large. We will, of course, remove your personal information (e.g. your name and contact details) from the version of the letter published on our website to protect your personal information from general disclosure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason Dorsett

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