

15 December 2017

**Our Ref:** RFI 21824

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Agency Spend within the Mental Health Department**

I am writing to confirm that the Trust has now completed its search for the information, which you requested on 30 October 2017. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with this response, owing to delays incurred by the Finance Department as a result of work pressures.

A response to Question 1 has been provided in Table 1 attached.

I would advise that the information requested in Questions 2 and 3 cannot be provided as this information is not collected by the Finance department.

In order to retrieve this information a manual review of all invoices is required. The Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under Section 12(1), so it will not be possible to make this information available to you.

*12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Under the terms of the legislation, you have the right to seek a review of this decision within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so please write to me at the address below.

If you are still unhappy with the decision, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The information commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**L McAree (Miss)**  
**Head of Information Governance &**  
**Directorate Support**

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**1) Please state the total amount spent by your organisation on agency staff in each of the following financial years:**

- i) 2012/13**
- ii) 2013/14**
- iii) 2014/15**
- iv) 2015/16**
- v) 2016/17**
- vi) 2017/18 to 01.10.17**

A1. Please see Table 1 below:-

**Table 1**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2012/13	£722,539
2012/13	£585,808
2014/15	£500,915
2015/16	£674,266
2016/17	£1,133,411,
2017/18 to 30th Sept 17	£470,076

NB: the figures provided above include all the agency and locum staff employed within the Mental Health Department.