

19/01/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. **How many agencies are used to supply Locum agency doctors?**

Bedford - 14

1. **Of these agencies, how many are off framework?**

   The Trust does not use off framework agencies

1. **What is your highest capped commission rates for each grade?**

Bedford - FY1: £2.57, FY2: £4.04, ST1-2: £4.57, ST3+: £5.72, Dental CT: £5.92, SD/SG: £5.83, AS: £5.77, Consultant: £7.9

1. **When is your PSL up for renewal?**

Luton - October 2023

1. **Which Framework does your trust use for Locum Doctors?**

Bedford - CPP/CSF

Luton - Workforce Alliance framework

1. **How many Locum Bookings are paid over the framework or capped rates at your trust in the last 12 months?**

Bedford - 196

1. **Please confirm what percentage of bookings over the last 6 months have been within the NHSI agency caps (an approximation based on NHSI data submissions is fine)**

Bedford - 2%

Luton – 0%

1. **Please confirm which provider manages your direct engagement process, the fee for the service and the date on which this contract expires**

Bedford site – Holt extension dates October annually

Luton site – Allocate software (formerly 247Time) renewal date May 2024

1. **Is your bank managed by an external bank provider (e.g., NHS Professionals, Bank Partners) or in-house? Please confirm who is the external bank provider and when the contract expires if relevant**

In-House

1. **Please confirm what percentage of bookings are processed with a VAT savings by your direct engagement (DE) provider**

100%

1. **Please confirm % of locums working non-Direct Engagement and % outside IR35**

0%

1. **What is the grade & speciality of all locums paid outside IR35?**

0%

1. **Please confirm which services in the hospital are currently utilising insourcing contacts, who is supplying the insourcing service and when the contract is up for renewal.**

Section 22 (Intended for future publication) exemption applied - this has been answered in a previous FOI request which will be available on our disclosure log within the next two weeks

1. **Does your Trust utilise a payment portal to process Locum Doctors Pay?**

Bank Locums we use a Holt system and 247Time

1. **What grade & speciality is your highest paid Locum agency doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?**

Bedford - Oncology - Consultant

1. **What grade & speciality is your highest paid bank doctor, what is their speciality and their hourly charge?**

Bedford - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology - We have set published rates which are equitable across all specialties. The highest hourly rate is unsocial hours for consultants at £120ph

1. **Please outline you spend per agency, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 12 months?**

Please see attached spreadsheet

1. **Please outline spend per doctors’ specialty, broken down by grade and speciality of doctor over the past 12 months from your internal Bank?**

Please see attached spreadsheet

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Yours sincerely,

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