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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Agency Pharmacy Locums Spend and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**PLEASE NOTE: 'Pharmacy Locums' refers to pharmacists, pharmacy technicians & pharmacy assistants/assistant technical officers.**

- 1) What is the total Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding**

£2,501

3 x band 8a  
1 x band 7

- 2) What is the total Off-Framework Agency spend solely for pharmacy locums from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a breakdown of spend, per specialty, per banding.**

Zero

- 3) **How many Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.**

£2,501 – Hunter Gatherer AHP Resourcing Ltd

- 4) **How many Off-Framework Agencies have supplied solely for pharmacy locums to the Trust from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024? Please provide a full breakdown per, specialty and by each recruitment agency by company name.**

Not applicable – No off-Framework use

- 5) **How many requirements came out for the pharmacy agency staff from 1st April 2023 to 1st April 2024, please break this down per month.**

**- Pharmacy under AHP**

Pharmacy has submitted a total of 6 requests for long-term agency staff in the time period.

- 6) **In relation to question 5 please provide what the fill rate for those requirements were with Framework Agency workers against Trust Bank workers.**

50% of Pharmacy requests for temporary staff have been filled.

- 7) **What contractual relationships are in place for supplying agency pharmacy locums and who is responsible for managing them?**

The Trust sources agency pharmacists solely from NHSE approved framework agencies. The person responsible for agency supply is Adam Watson, Resourcing Business Partner.

- 8) **In relation to question 7 please can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary pharmacy agency contracts for your Trust?**

Adam Watson is contactable via the Trust's switchboard 01325 380100  
[adamwatson@nhs.net](mailto:adamwatson@nhs.net)

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**