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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240816. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request. We hope this has not caused you any inconvenience.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I hope this message finds you well. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request specific information regarding your trust's agency workforce spend

Query 1

Please provide the total agency workforce spend for the specified period, broken down into the following categories for the period of 1st of January 2024 – 31st of June 2024.

- **Medical Staff**
- **Nursing Staff**
- **Allied Health Professionals (AHP)**

If the answers could be given in the following format, it'd be greatly appreciated.

	Total agency spend for January 2024 – June 2024
Medical	£0
Nursing	£0
AHP	£0

Due to the categorisation of positions within our 999 and 111 call centres, there may be staff employed through agency that are a Nurse or AHP.

The occupational codes for these staff in our call centres are defined by NHS England (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/areas-of-interest/workforce/nhs-occupation-codes>) as Support to Clinical Staff.

For information, the agency costs for these during January 2024 to June 2024 was £1,011,861.

Query 2

Please provide the total agency workforce spend for the period of 1st of January 2023 – 31st of December 2023 broken down into the following categories:

- **Medical Staff**
- **Nursing Staff**
- **AHP Staff**

Please can it be represented in the following format:

	Total agency spend for January 2023 – December 2023
Medical	£0
Nursing	£0
AHP	£0

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The occupational codes for these staff in our call centres are defined by NHS England (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/areas-of-interest/workforce/nhs-occupation-codes>) as Support to Clinical Staff or NHS Infrastructure.

For information, the agency costs for these during January 2023 to December 2023 was £2,690,263.

Query 3

I would also like to request spend per agency, broken down by category (Medical, Nursing and AHP) if possible as above for the period of 1st of January 2024 until 31st of June 2024

These dates are the same as query 1, see response above.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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