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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011029**

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 08/12/2011 in connection with 'Sunday Telegraph - Spend on Locum doctors and nurses'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner**

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Yours sincerely

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I can only apologise that I have omitted to forward your request to the Finance Department for a response.

This is totally my fault and my responsibility, I am so sorry.

Whilst I am awaiting the exact information you require, please find attached and below previous responses to FOI requests regarding Spend on agency staff.

1. How much did your hospital trust spend on (a) agency nursing care and (b) agency Doctors in the 2010/11 financial year?

The Trust spent the following:

1 (a) Agency Nursing care spend 10/11 (qualified and unqualified) £3.455m  
1 (b) Agency Doctors Spend 10/11 £6.037m

2. On how many occasions was more than £1,500 paid for a single shift for an agency doctor and what were the sums paid? For each payment state the grading and specialism of the doctor and the number of hours they were contracted for.

The Trust has never paid more than £1,500 for a single shift for an agency doctor.

3. On how many occasions was more than £1,500 paid for a single shift for an agency nurse and what were the sums paid? For each payment state the grading and specialism of the nurse and the number of hours they were contracted for.

The Trust has never paid more than £1,500 for a single shift for an agency nurse