Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
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Agency spend on locum doctors

1. What is the total Trust spend purely with framework agencies for the recruitment of locum doctors in the past 12 months? Please also provide a break-down of spend per grade, speciality and by each recruitment agency by company name.

Please see attachment.

2. What is the total Trust spend purely with off-framework agencies for the recruitment of locum doctors in the past 12 months? Please also provide a break-down of spend per grade, speciality and by each recruitment agency by company name.

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3. What is the total Trust spend purely with agencies for the recruitment of permanent & fixed term doctors? Please also provide a break-down of spend per grade, speciality and by each recruitment agency by company name.

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4. Does your organization use a Direct Engagement scheme? If so, who provides it and when does their contract expire?

The Trust has on contract agencies.

5. What percentage of bookings are made outside of the Direct Engagement model (non-DE)?

Please see attachment which gives spend on and off contract

6. Which medical services do you outsource to external companies & which companies do you outsource to?

The information requested it is not collated centrally and an extensive manual trawl of Trust records would be required. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in

determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

7. How many doctors have been booked outside of IR35 in previous 12 months?

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8. In which specialty is your highest paid Locum Consultant Doctor and what is their hourly rate?

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