

29 April 2025

Regarding your staffing costs this year

Please can you confirm the cost the Trust incurred on temporary medical and AHP staffing from Agency so far this financial year

Medical Agency £29,629,512 - Jan Ytd (M10)
AHP agency spend £2,249,113 for YTD (M10) across Belfast Trust

Please can you confirm the % of agency workers the Trust directly engaged i.e. on Trust contracts, thereby avoiding VAT on their pay in the financial year ending April 2024. If the Trust does not use any Direct Engagement to avoid VAT on medical agency staffing, a confirmation of this will suffice.

We can confirm that the Trust does not undertake direct engagement on medical agency staffing, the Trust is currently able to fully reclaim any VAT paid on agency invoices.

Please can you confirm how many Resident Doctors the Trust paid at BMA full-time trainee pay band 3, and for how many months in the financial year so far? A single value for these higher payments on band 3 would be acceptable if that is easier.

- 53 resident doctors where paid Band 3 for 12 months
- 3 resident doctors where paid Band 3 for 4 months
- 4 resident doctors where paid Band 3 for 8 months
- 4 resident doctors where paid Band 3 for 2 months