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## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

### Temporary staffing

In addition to our own internal locum bank (for medical staff) and NHS Professionals (for nursing and non-medical staff), the Trust uses agency workers as a last resort when all other options have been explored, discounted and it is necessary to ensure appropriate standards of service delivery. The Trust will flex staff across departments as well as deploy temporary staff to ensure the continuation of a quality, safe service for patients.

In response to the caps on agency worker pay introduced in November 2015, the Trust is in regular conversation with agencies in order to work together to lower pay. Requests to use agency workers are scrutinised by the Executive team, to establish other routes of covering the work before using an agency worker. The Trust works collaboratively with other Trusts throughout the Southwest to drive down rates of pay across the region, undertaking regular review meetings.

### Your request and our reply

Can you please assist me with retrieving the total Agency spend for Locum Doctors only within Radiology over the following months, within your Trust or Health Board?

Month	Total Agency Spend in Radiology
December 2015	Nil
January 2016	Nil
February 2016	Nil
March 2016	Nil
April 2016	Nil
May 2016	Nil

For clarity, this spend is for Locum Doctors supplied by Agency only.

If you do not have a Radiology Department in your Hospital/Trust, please do let me know.

**Attachments included:** No