

FoI request re: Agency Spend
Ref: 19-FJ-0512

Dear,

We apologise for the delay in responding to your request for information relating to agency spend. This was received on 7 November 2019 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

The total a) agency and b) bank staff spend for your trust, set out by quarter from financial year Q1 2017/18 until the present:

[See tables in Q2](#)

Request 2:

The total a) agency spend and b) bank staff spend expressed as a percentage of total pay costs in each quarter, set out by quarter from Q1 2017/18 until the present

2017/18				
	Q1 £'000s	Q2 £'000s	Q3 £'000s	Q4 £'000s
Agency spend	2687	1056	2439	3173
Bank spend	4012	4487	4696	6188
Total spend	54831	53583	55202	56258
% as agency	4.90	1.97	4.42	5.64
% as bank	7.32	8.37	8.51	11.00

2018/19				
	Q1 £'000s	Q2 £'000s	Q3 £'000s	Q4 £'000s
Agency spend	3481	3306	2608	2566
Bank spend	4952	5774	5590	7457
Total spend	55695	57444	56647	58467
% as agency	6.25	5.76	4.60	4.39
% as bank	8.89	10.05	9.87	12.75

2019/20				
	Q1 £'000s	Q2 £'000s	Q3 £'000s	Q4 £'000s
Agency spend	2856	1928		
Bank spend	5714	5910		
Total spend	59510	58734		
% as agency	4.8	3.28		
% as bank	9.60	10.06		

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Request 3:

The total liability of your Trust for the Apprenticeship Levy, by quarter, from the first payment to the present

	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	2019/20 (£)
Q1	211,834.00	208,631.00	227,373.00
Q2	209,201.00	221,067.00	228,482.00
Q3	210,903.00	217,637.00	
Q4	213,336.00	225,626.00	

Request 4:

The total number of apprenticeships starting in each quarter at your Trust during this period:

2018/19	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Apprenticeship Starts	≤5	≤5	42	≤5

Please note that the trust’s policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

Request 5:

The number of your apprentices starting in each quarter that were new staff to the Trust and the number that were existing staff taking on a qualification

This is not known because we do not keep a record of how many nursing associates are new recruits and how many are internal HCAs who have applied externally. Assuming most are external applicants, the picture is like this:

2018/19	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
New Staff			26	
Existing staff	≤5	≤5	16	≤5

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information

Governance

Chief Operating Officer

Jenner Building

Magdala Avenue

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020 7288 5255

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If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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