

Request title: Agency spend on AHP's 2014/15

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Please provide me with further information relating to the supply of Agency Allied Health and Health Science Professions for the 2014-2015 Financial year. I would be grateful if you could please provide the following information:

- Spend on Agency Dieticians for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Podiatrists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Arts Therapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Chaplains for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Clinical Psychologists, Counsellors or Psychotherapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Orthoptists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Play Specialists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Sexual Health Advisors for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Diagnostic Radiographers and Sonographers for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Therapy Radiographers / Radiotherapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Physiotherapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Speech & Language Therapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Occupational Therapists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency staff within Pharmacy (Pharmacists, Technicians & ATO's) for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Audiologists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Mortuary Technicians/Anatomical Pathology Technicians for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Cancer Screeners for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Cytology Screeners for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Healthcare Scientists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Dental Staff for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Optometry Staff for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Phlebotomists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year

- Spend on Agency Biomedical Scientists & Medical Lab Assistants for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Genetic Counsellors for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Clinical Physiologists (Including Cardiac) for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year
- Spend on Agency Medical Physicists for the April 2014 – March 2015 Financial Year

Reply

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust can confirm that the Agency spend on AHP's during the 2014/15 financial year was £362,314.

The Trust is not able to provide a further breakdown by specialism as this level of information is not recorded centrally on its reporting systems. In order to obtain this level of data, a scanned image of each invoice would have to be checked manually to find the level of specialism (if this was included on the invoice) and then the information would need to be input onto a spread sheet. The information from that spread sheet would then need to be analysed to obtain the response. Each invoice takes around 5 minutes to locate, check and analyse. The spend figure provided above relates to a total of 298 invoices. Therefore, the time needed to check all 298 invoices to obtain the required information, would take in excess of 18 hours, which is the appropriate limit set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Consequently, the Trust is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to retrieve the above information (see section 12(1)).