

## Request title: Agency Spend on AHP's 2014/15

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Date of Response: 02 July

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

### Request

Please can you confirm what your total spend on Allied Health Professional (AHP) agency staff was during the financial year 201 - 15?

Can you please break this financial information down by AHP specialism:

- Arts Therapists,
- Chiropodist/Podiatrist,
- Dietician,
- Occupational Therapist,
- Physiotherapist,
- Prosthetist / Orthotist,
- Imaging Professionals,
- Speech / Language Professionals.

2) Please can you confirm the names of the organisation/s you procure temporary Allied Health Professionals (AHP) from?

To provide additional clarity on my request, 'temporary Allied Health Professionals' is to mean all persons who are AHPs and are not on permanent contracts of employment with the Board, but are supplied via employment agencies

### 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)).

1. The following Agencies were used:

- Atlantis Medical Ltd
- Bestpay
- Medicare First
- Medics Pro Ltd
- Piers Meadows Recruitment
- Randstad Care Ltd
- RIG Medical Recruit Ltd

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