

## Request title: Agency Staff Spend 2014/15 (Mental Health)

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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 temporary Mental Health staff was during the financial year 2014 - 15 for the below specialisms?

Can you please break this financial information down by:

- Mental Health Nurse
- Learning Disabilities Nurse
- Psychologists
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Psychotherapist
- Counsellor
- High Intensity Therapist

2. Please can you confirm the names of the organisation/s you procure temporary Mental Health staff from?

Please also confirm the end date of any over arching contractual arrangements that are in place with any of these organisations.

To provide additional clarity on my request, 'temporary Mental Health staff' is to mean all persons who are mental health staff and are not on permanent contracts of employment with the Trust, but are supplied via employment agencies.

### Reply

Further to your Freedom of Information request, whilst the Trust does not routinely provide any mental health services, there are instances where RMN's may be required on its wards. However, The Trust does not hold the information requested in a format that allows it to be easily identified and extracted; as the system does not hold the level of detail to break the spend down by Nursing type/banding. In order to identify this figure, it would be necessary to check the individual invoices submitted for agency usage.

Due to the number of invoices raised over the time period concerned, the piece of work necessary would take in excess of 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 determining whether the Trust holds the information, and 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)). Routine Mental Health services are provided by Devon Partnership Trust and their email address, should you wish to contact them, is [ig.dpt@nhs.net](mailto:ig.dpt@nhs.net).