

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/129

Agency and Bank Recruitment

Request details

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on agency and locum spend within your local health board. As a result, I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

- 1. Agency recruitment breakdowns (total spending and total WTE numbers) for medical (including GPs if practices are managed by the Board), nursing and midwifery, and other employees for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and forecast for 2019-20**

Please find attached spreadsheet.

- 2. Bank recruitment breakdowns (total spending and total WTE numbers) for medical (including GPs if practices are by the Board), nursing and midwifery, and other employees for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and forecast for 2019-20**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and reports and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.