

**Freedom of Information Request**

Ref: UHB 17-220

Date 4 May 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**1. How many full time equivalent vacancies for doctors of all grades and specialisms are currently outstanding across the Trust?**

As at 28th February 2017, there were 7.0 FTE vacancies at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

**2. How many full time equivalent vacancies for doctors of all grades and specialisms have been advertised more than 28 days and currently still remain unfilled?**

The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time

**3. Please detail the grades and specialisms for all whole time equivalent vacancies which have been advertised for more than 28 days and currently still remain unfilled?**

The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time

**4. What was the total amount spent on Agency Locum Doctors during financial year 2016/17?**

We do not currently have the finalised costs for 2016/17 available.

**5. Have you utilised any agencies/headhunting/recruitment companies to source direct applicants (Not agency locums) for Doctors jobs in either a substantive or fixed term capacity?**

No.

**6. If you answered yes to question 5, can you please name the agencies/headhunting/recruitment companies and the number of vacancies they have successfully filled?**

N/A

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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