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REQUEST

1. The total amount your organisation has spent on locum/agency doctors working in A&E in 2011, 2012, and 2013 (broken down by year)
2. The total amount your organisation has spent on bank and agency nurses working in A&E in 2011, 2012 and 2013 (broken down by year)
3. The highest cost of an individual shift for a locum/agency doctor working in A&E in the period 2011-13 (please indicate grade plus length and date of shift)
4. The highest cost of an individual shift for an agency/bank nurse working in A&E in the period 2011-13 (please indicate grade plus length and date of shift)
5. The number of locum/agency doctor shifts in A&E costing more than £1000 in 2013
6. The number of agency/bank nurse shifts in A&E costing more than £300 in 2013.

Where you do not have full data for 2013 yet, please include data for as much of the year as possible and indicate how many months are covered by it.

RESPONSE

Question 1)

The total amount your organisation has spent on locum/agency doctors working in A&E in 2011, 2012 and 2013 (broken down by year)

Answer

Grade	Expenditure 2011 £	Expenditure 2012 £	Expenditure 2013 (Jan - Nov Only) £
Agency Med Other Career Grade	9,129	707	13,203
Agency Med SHO & HO	139,675	18,672	346,590
Agency Med SPR	502,486	510,519	540,414
Agency Med Consultant	92,102	135,005	288,755
Total per year	743,392	663,489	1,188,962

Question 2)

The total amount your organisation has spent on bank and agency nurses working in A&E in 2011, 2012 and 2013 (broken down by year)

Answer

Grade	Expenditure 2011 £	Expenditure 2012 £	Expenditure 2013 (Jan - Nov Only) £
Bank Nurse Qualified	150,642	48,725	48,281
Bank Nurse Unqualified	175,543	101,383	119,430
Agency Nurse Unqualified	3,171	296	3,270
Agency Nurse Qualified	107,276	1,334	83,314
Total per year	436,632	151,738	254,295

Question 3)

The highest cost of an individual shift for a locum/agency doctor working in A&E in the period 2011-13 (please indicate grade plus length and date of shift)

Due a change in software at the start of 2013 we can only provide information for the year 2013.

In 2013 the highest cost for a locum/agency shift was £1,367.88. This was for a Consultant working a 12 hour shift between May & July 2013

Question 4)

The highest cost of an individual shift for an agency/bank nurse working in A&E in the period 2011-13 (please indicate grade plus length of shift date)

Due a change in software at the start of 2013 we can only provide information for the year 2013.

In 2013 the highest cost for an agency/bank nurse shift was £538.60. This was for a Band 5 A&E Qualified Registered Nurse for a Saturday Night Shift on 26th October 2013.

Question 5)

The number of locum/agency doctor shifts in A&E costing more than £1000 in 2013.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

Question 6)

The number of agency/bank nurse shifts in A&E costing more than £300 in 2013.

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