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Information requested:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would appreciate your assistance in clarifying the following queries related to the use of locum staff across all healthcare departments:

1. Has the Health Board utilised locum staff from April 2024 to the present?
2. What was the total locum spend by the Health Board during this period?
3. Which healthcare departments have utilised locum staff during this time?
4. Which locum agencies are currently or were previously engaged by the Health Board during this period?
5. Outside of the procurement team, who is the senior officer responsible for overseeing locum staff arrangements?

For clarity, by "locum," I am referring to the temporary engagement of healthcare professionals to provide services for staffing shortfalls or specific roles.

Response:

1. No. The State Hospital does not have an external bank service, we do not temporarily engage healthcare professionals to provide services and we do not use agencies.
2. We give notice under FOISA section 17 that we do not hold the information requested.
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