

Request Reference: FOI/014/25

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Information requested:

May I request the following information under freedom of information legislation:

1. The total amount of money spent on consultants by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.
2. The total amount of money spent on agency staff by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.
3. The total amount of money spent on recruitment agencies by your organisation in 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Response:

1. In 2021-22 we spent £328,430
In 2022-23 we spent £274,644
In 2023-24 we spent £334,463
In 2024-25 we spent £378,990
2. The State Hospital does not use agency staff and therefore for each period, we give notice that we do not hold this information (FOISA Section 17)
3. In 2021-22 we spent £9,918.50.
In 2022-23 we spent £0.00
In 2023-24 we spent £10,376.66
In 2024-25 we spent £0.00

Advice and Guidance:

We sought clarification regarding the intended meaning of the term “consultant” in the context of question three. In response, we were informed that it referred to both external medical consultants (engaged through private firms) and management consultants. This definition has been adopted for the purposes of our response to this request.