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Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 23 April 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1) The total amount the trust spent on agency/locum doctors for the following years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - breaking this information down by speciality and grade.**

Please see spreadsheet attached. Unfortunately the Trust does not hold the information at the level of detail requested for the periods prior to 2014/15 and to provide this would require a review of invoices that would exceed the appropriate time limit.

- 2) What is the highest hourly/shift rate paid to an agency or locum doctor at any point in the following years: : 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 - please include job title and date.**

The Trust is not able to provide the information requested for all years as the systems and processes in place at the time do not allow for the easy access of this information and would require the Trust to review individual invoices that would exceed the appropriate time. However, whilst not requested, the Trust is able to confirm that the highest rate paid to an agency or locum doctor during 2017/18 (in which the Trust was reporting for the whole year to its regulator, NHS Improvement, on agency rates above the cap) was £115/hour (being the doctor's pay rate). This related to a consultant in the gastroenterology specialty and applied to various dates in 2017/18.

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Yours sincerely,
Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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