

FoI request re: Medical Agency Cascade
Ref: 21-JK-1904

Thank you for your request for information relating to medical agency cascade.

This was received on 18 March 2021 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

Which locum/staffing agencies have you engaged to be part of your medical (doctors) agency cascade?

We will cascade to the following agencies in the first instance; however will branch out to other agencies, to fill, as and when needed.

Agency
Accident & Emergency
Athona Doctors
Blue Cross
DRC Locums
ED Staffing
HCL
Holt
ID Medical
Interact Medical
Medacs
Pertemps Medical
Pro Medical
RM Medics

Request 2:

Please provide the names of the agencies split into the relevant tiers. If you do not use a tier system, please explain how vacancies are cascaded with agencies.

- No tiering system is used.
- All shifts go out to all agencies apart from ED.
- ED shifts are cascaded to a preferred supplier before being sent to the remainder of the agencies.

Request3:

Please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum hours booked through each of these tiers for the last three years. If this is not available, please provide a breakdown of the proportion of medical (doctor) locum spend incurred through each of these tiers for the last three years. If only recent years are available, please provide what you have.

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No tiering system is used.

Request 4:

What is the protocol for releasing medical (doctor) vacancies to each of your tiers?

- All wards/units require approval before any shifts may be covered.
- The approved shifts are uploaded onto the Central Bank Staff Booking System
- Bank Staff are invited to fill the shifts in the first instance.
- Unfilled shifts are then sent out to agency supplier to potentially fill.

Request 5:

When are the current arrangements relating to your agency cascade in place until?

The Booking and Approval process is ongoing however reviewed on a 'as and when required' basis.

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

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