

## AHP HSS Agency Staff

### Request and Response

I wish to request some information for an independent study I am currently conducting.

The use of Agency staff in the NHS is in the news a lot at the moment, with the focus in the main on the use of Nursing staff. I am looking at the other positions supplied, starting with AHP and HSS staff.

Namely:

Allied Health Professionals	Health Science Services
Dieticians	Biomedical Scientists
Occupational Therapists	Cytologists
Orthoptists	Dental Service Staff (excluding dental nurses)
Physiotherapists	Genetic Counsellors
Podiatrists	Healthcare Scientists
Psychologists	Medical Technologists
Radiographers	Optometrists
Speech and Language Therapists	Pathologists
	Pharmacy Services Staff

Please could you provide me with the following information:

- Names of Agencies used to provide AHP or HSS staff over the last 12 months  
**OUR RESPONSE :** Please find our response attached.
- Monthly spend, on Agency Staff, per job role over the last 12 months  
**OUR RESPONSE** Please find our response attached.
- Hours, per job role, filled each month by Agency over the last 12 months  
**OUR RESPONSE For Questions 3, 4 and 5:** Unfortunately, we do not collate this information centrally and therefore to provide it would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000, currently £450. However, in an effort to be helpful we have attempted to derive an estimated Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) figure. However, please note these figures are pure estimates.

I have had a lot of response to my request, so thank you in advance for your assistance. A number of Trusts have been unable to supply the financial or hourly information based on each role as it is not separately recorded. In light of this I would like to make a further request. My aim is to look at Role demand by skill and location, so for the same list of roles could you please supply me with the following information:

- Number of shifts offered to Agencies for each role, monthly for the last 12 months.  
**OUR RESPONSE:** Please see above.
- Number of shifts filled by Agency for each role, monthly for the last 12 months.  
**OUR RESPONSE:** Please see above.