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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

In the last 12 months (across all specialties) at the Trust:

1) How many doctors' locum/ bank shifts across all Grades have gone unfilled?

6828.

2) How many of the above unfilled locum/ bank shifts were offered with escalated extra contractual pay rates over and above the base extra contractual rate?

0.

3) How many doctors' locum/ bank shifts were instead covered by allied health professionals other than Doctors?

0.

4) How many shifts with absent Resident Doctors required a Consultant to act down to cover the rota gap?

8.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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