

FOI REF: 26/315

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please provide the Trust's current standard locum doctor hourly rates for the financial year 2025/26, or the most recent rates currently in effect if no 2025/26 rates are held.

- **Please provide the rates for the following grade levels, where applicable:**
 - a) **FY1 / Foundation Year 1**
 - b) **FY2 / Foundation Year 2**
 - c) **ST1-2 / CT1-2 / equivalent SHO-level grade**
 - d) **ST3-5 / equivalent registrar-level grade**
 - e) **ST6-8 / senior registrar-level grade**

For each grade, please provide the hourly rate in GBP and the time window during which the rate applies for each of the following shift categories:

- 1) **Weekday day.**
- 2) **Weekday evening.**
- 3) **Weekday night.**
- 4) **Weekend day.**
- 5) **Weekend evening**
- 6) **Weekend night.**

[Section 17 Notice of Refusal](#)

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that providing this information could cause harm to the Trust as Agencies may use this information across the Integrated Care Systems to request increased rates to ESHT and other Trusts, putting supply at risk.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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