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Subject: Expenditure on Anaesthetic Consultants

REQUEST

Thank you for your response to my previous query [FOI1848](#). Unfortunately, the response given to the question 'what is the expenditure on Anaesthetic Consultant locums for Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals in the Financial Year 2024-2025?' is implausibly low.

During this period the Anaesthetic Dept was employing at least four full-time Consultant locum Anaesthetists (a total expenditure of £173,593.94 is not near the plausible cost of this).

Please would you be kind enough to answer the following two questions:

Firstly, during the financial year 2024-2025, what was the total expenditure on Locum Consultant Anaesthetists and Locum Consultant Intensive Care Doctors, (on both short-term and longer-term locum contracts), as well as the amount spent on paying full-time (permanent) Consultants locum fees to provide additional (out of hours or extra-session) work to cover gaps on the Anaesthetic and Intensive Care rotas at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals? If you would be kind enough to provide a breakdown of the total expenditure, that would be much appreciated.

Secondly, what was the total expenditure on both locum and substantive Consultant Anaesthetic and Consultant Intensive Care Doctors, and how much was spent on each group (locum compared with substantive)?

RESPONSE

Staffing type	£ Financial Year 2024-2025
Agency Staff	£ 839,982
Bank Staff	£ 190,428
Waiting List Initiatives	£ 328,407
Total	£ 1,358,817