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Subject:	Locum Shifts During Strikes

I'm writing to request information from NHS trusts in England about how much was spent on locum and agency doctors during the walkouts held by both consultants and junior doctors over the past 12 months.

Please provide answers for each timeframe and separate each one clearly in your response.

These timeframes are:

a. Junior doctor strike – 13, 14 and 15 March 2023
b. Junior doctor strike – 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 April
c. Junior doctor strike – 14, 15, 16 and 17 June
d. Junior doctor strike – 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 July
e. Junior doctor strike – 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 August
f. Consultant strike – 20 and 21 July
g. Consultant strike – 24, 25 and 26 August

Q1 How many staff walked out as a result of industrial action over each period and what percentage of your junior doctor/consultant staff did this equate to. IE – 150 junior doctor staff walked out during 13, 14 and 15 March dates out of 200 junior doctor staff would be 75%.

A1
a. 401 (76%)
b. 375 (66%)
c. 229 (59%)
d. 252 (53%)
e. 203 (57%)
f. 120 (33%)
g. 86 (29%)

Q2 How much did the trust spend on locum/agency workers during each period specifically as a result of industrial action. If this specific figure is not held, please provide the locum and agency spend for the previous year for each relevant timeframe. IE 13, 14 and 15 March 2023 vs 13, 14 and 15 March 2022.

A2

13, 14 and 15 March 2023	£210,961.52
1, 12, 13, 14 and 15 April	£273,196.23
14, 15, 16 and 17 June	£182,877.22
13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 July	£124,382.97
20 and 21 July	£1,127.00
11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 August	Information not held - Not yet processed for payment

Q3 Did the Trust allow doctors who were taking part in industrial action to take on locum shifts

at the same trust during strike periods when they were not scheduled to work?

A3   No

Q4   If the answer to the above question was yes, (a) How many doctors did this during each period and (b) How much did the Trust spend on paying its own doctors for these shifts during each period?

A4   Not applicable as per A3