

FOI REF: 23/148

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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:

- 1. The number of nurses employed through International Recruitment within your trust between January 2021 - Present (Feb 23).**

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- 2. The current budget the trust holds for international recruitment between January 2021 - Present (Feb 23)**

Period	Budget
January 2021 – March 2021	137,501
April 2021 – March 2022	775,000
April 2022 – February 2023	670,233
Total	1,582,734

- 3. Your current protocol for recruiting internationally - ie: in house or within agencies?**

In house and agencies.

*** If agencies, please list the agencies currently used & if possible, a point of contact for them that I could maybe reach out to for further info? I am happy to have an email address for POC.**

MSI Group Limited, email: international@msigroupltd.com.

- 4 Budget/Cost for agencies used – if any.**

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.

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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 by sharing the pricing detail could cause harm to the Trust by not gaining best value for money for future contracts.

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

5. Estimated number of international recruitment needs for 2023 - if any

90.

6. I am looking to gain a point of contact I could potentially reach out to throughout my studies for international recruitment to discuss the regular needs/budgets for time periods etc.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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