

FOI REF: 23/507

29th August 2023

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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) Please provide us with a spend report for Agency Band 5 and Band 6 Nurses from 1st Jan 2023 – 30th June 2023.**

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 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.

- 2) Can you please provide us with a break down per month of hours filled with Agency workers both Band 5 and Band 6 between 1st Jan 2023 and end of 30th June 2023**

Section 43(2) applied as above.

- 3) Can you please provide us with a break down of money spent on off framework agency nurses from 1st Jan 2023 – June 2023.**

None.

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4) Can you please confirm your top 5 agencies by spend for Band 5 and Band 6 Nurses for the period 1st Jan 2023 - 30th June 2023.

ESHT Qualified Agency Nursing spend for January to June 2023.

Top 5 agencies, by spend, in alphabetical order:

London Healthcare Locums

Staffing Professionals

TFS Healthcare Limited

Your Nurse Ltd

Your World Nursing

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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