

FOI REF: 23/645

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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:

**Please can you provide the following information in relation to your expenditure over the last financial year (2022/23) of Medical Locum Doctors via off-framework suppliers:**

**1) Number of hours filled?**

None.

**2) Broken down by grade/specialty?**

Not applicable.

**3) Off-framework agencies used during this period including the total spend for each agency?**

None.

**4) Highest off-framework charge rate (including detail of grade/specialty)?**

Not applicable.

**5) Average off-framework charge rates per grade/specialty (if available)?**

Not applicable.

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**6) Contact details for the member of staff / department responsible for on-boarding Doctor agencies?**

Laura Ransom  
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

We are unable to provide the email addresses of Trust staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact numbers for the main hospital are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

**On top of the above. Please could you clarify the below Nursing information:**

**7) In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?**

None.

**8) In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?**

None.

**9) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?**

None.

**10) In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.**

None.

**11) Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?**

Not applicable.

12) In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?

Not applicable.

13) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?

None.

14) How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?

None.

15) Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?

None.

16) What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?

Not applicable.

17) Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?

Chief Nurse.

18) Who at temporary staffing is responsible for onboarding new agencies and could you provide me with their contact details?

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Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

Section 44 applied, please refer to question 6.

19) Can you confirm if your Off-Framework agency suppliers list (PSL) is always looking to onboard new agencies. If not, what dates does the Trust review this list and look to bring new agencies onto It?

We are not looking to onboard any off-framework agencies.

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](mailto: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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

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