

FOI REF: 23/678

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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 could you answer the below questions in relation to Nursing on framework supply:

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

3677.

- 2) **In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these ON framework requests for?**

All acute wards, Theatre, Emergency Departments.

- 3) **Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by ON framework agencies within the last 60 days?**

1577.

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

None.

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

The spend on qualified Nurses with the following agencies for April to September Financial Year 2023/24 is £563,231.64 The framework agencies are listed below:

Altrix
AMC
Aspect
Athona
Bleep360
BNA
Cromwell
Day Webster
EP Healthcare
Evergood
Hojona
HSA
ID Medical
IMC
Locum Placement Group
London Healthcare
Locums
Medacs
Medicspro
Medicure
National Locums
NC Healthcare
Nurses UK
PE Global
Pulse
Sirona
SmartCash
Staffing Professionals
SupplyCare
TFS
The Placement Group
Your Nurse
Yourworld

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

All our rates are within NHSI capped rates.

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

Laura Ransom
Temporary Workforce and Volunteer Services Manager

We are unable to provide the email addresses of all Senior 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.

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

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Yours sincerely

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