

FOI REF: 23/748

28th November 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:

Please answer all questions with the relevant data for the month of August and September (1st August to 30th September 2023) for the request and supply – including Adult, Mental Health, Critical, Community and District where applicable for both frameworks and off frameworks Agencies.

Information requested:

- 1) **The total number and spend of nursing shifts sent to agencies to fill (frameworks and off frameworks).**

August – 1905 shifts sent to agencies.
September – 1909 shifts sent to agencies.

Note there is only an ESHT spend on Nursing agencies once the shifts have been filled. There is no spend at the time the shifts are requested.

Please provide these totals separately for August and September 2023.

- 2) **The total number and spend of nursing shifts filled by agencies (frameworks and off frameworks).**

August – 755 shifts filled.
September – 843 shifts filled.

August 2023	ESHT spend on Nursing Agencies	£295,533
September 2023	ESHT spend on Nursing Agencies	£229,771
October 2023	ESHT spend on Nursing Agencies	£306,917

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Note: There is a time delay between when the shifts are worked and when an invoice for the shifts is raised, sent to ESHT, and accounted for. Approximately 50% to 60% of the August and September shifts worked were invoiced and accounted for in the following month.

Please provide these totals separately for August and September 2023.

- 3) **The total number and spend of critical banded nursing shifts filled by agencies if applicable. (This includes ED, Critical, ITU and HDU, frameworks and off frameworks.)**

We do not have shifts defined by critical banding.

Please provide these totals separately for August and September 2023.

- 4) **The total number and spend of 'breaches' for filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSi capped charge rates.**

None.

- 5) **Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies that are currently providing over cap (break glass) when filling a shift with agency nurses (Registered Nurses) not within the NHSi capped charge rates.**

None.

- 6) **Please provide a list of all frameworks agencies which supply the trust with nursing staff.**

Altrix
Day Webster
Evergood
ID Medical
London Healthcare Locums
Medicspro
Medicure
National Locums
NC Healthcare
Sirona
SmartCash
Staffing Prof
TFS
The Placement Group
Yourworld

7) Please provide a list of off framework agencies which have supplied (from 1st August to 30th September) into the trust with nursing staff across all sites.

None.

8) From 1st August to 30th September 2023 please list the wards and departments you have requested shifts for off framework agencies.

None.

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:

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Yours sincerely

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