

FOI REF: 24/202

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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:

**I am writing to request the following information:**

- 1) The total amount spent by the Trust on bank and agency doctors in each of the last 5 financial years (including 2023/24 so far).**

Please see the table below for the amount spent by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust on bank and agency doctors for the period request:

Agency / Bank	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 YTD (Apr-Feb)
Agency	£4,085,824	£4,963,661	£5,322,260	£5,389,844	£3,893,384
Bank	£5,331,862	£9,137,257	£9,188,340	£10,509,585	£10,645,468
Grand Total	£9,417,686	£14,100,918	£14,510,600	£15,899,429	£14,538,852

- 2) The total amount spent by the Trust on bank and agency nurses in in each of the last 5 financial years (including 2023/24 so far).**

Please see the table below for the amount spent by the Trust on bank and agency nurses for the period request:

Agency / Bank	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 YTD (Apr-Feb)
Agency	£2,216,105	£4,169,685	£3,873,306	£4,465,388	£3,175,356
Bank	£5,151,566	£7,303,753	£7,277,080	£8,025,282	£7,643,330
Grand Total	£7,367,671	£11,473,438	£11,150,386	£12,490,670	£10,818,686

- 3) The largest amount spent by the Trust on a single agency nurse shift in 2023/24.**

£609.13.

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**4) The largest amount spent by the Trust on a single agency doctor's shift in 2023/24.**

£1,610.70.

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.

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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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