

FOI REF: 24/518

5th August 2024

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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 Nurse from 1st Jan 2024 – 30th June 2024.**

Section 17 – Notice of refusal.

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.

Providing this information would likely prejudice the trust in its ability to negotiate with multiple suppliers, and therefore cause financial harm.

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 2024 and end of 30th June 2024**

Section 43(2) applied, please see above.

- 3: Can you please provide us with a break down of money spent on off framework agency nurses from 1st Jan 2024-June2024.**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024-30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

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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  
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Yours sincerely

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