

FOI REF: 24/562

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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 provide a report using the below table, showing temporary agency spend at the trust, broken down for the last 3 years covering: Nursing & Midwifery; Allied Health Professionals, Medical & GP's; Social Care; Non-Medical Non-Clinical.**

	Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Professionals & Health Science	Medical & GPs	Social Care	Non-medical & Non-Clinical	Other
2021/22	£3,586,687	£631,249	£5,582,014	N/A	£745,011	N/A
2022/23	£4,542,233	£621,770	£5,676,356	N/A	£239,035	N/A
2023/24	£3,513,612	£957,848	£4,339,743	N/A	£1,227,646	N/A

- Please provide a report using the below table, showing permanent agency spend at the trust, broken down for the last 3 years covering: Nursing & Midwifery; Allied Health Professionals, Medical & GP's; Social Care; Non-Medical Non-Clinical.**

	Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Professionals & Health Science	Medical & GPs	Social Care	Non-medical & Non-Clinical	Other
2021/22						
2022/23						
2023/24						

Section 17 Notice of Refusal

Under Section FOIA Section 1 (1) (a) The Trust would confirm that it does hold the

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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.

We have concluded that sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

3. Please provide a breakdown of all ‘off framework’ spend at the trust for the last 3 years.

	Nursing & Midwifery	Allied Health Professionals & Health Science	Medical & GPs	Social Care	Non-medical & Non-Clinical	Other
2021/22	£20,904	£0	£0	N/A	£0	N/A
2022/23	£0	£0	£0	N/A	£0	N/A
2023/24	£0	£0	£0	N/A	£95,681	N/A

4. Confirmation of the current temporary agency recruitment model at the trust: Is there a master vend, neutral vendor or managed service in place? What staffing groups does this include and when does this agreement expire?

Neutral vendor for AHP/HSS, Medical and GP’s. Expires 31st May 2025.

5. Confirmation of the current permanent agency recruitment model at the trust

We use an RPO model.

6. What is the biggest area for agency over spend/breaking glass at the trust and what are these charge rates?

Band 8a surgery service manager, £600 per day.

7. What is the trusts total spend above NHSE/NHSI price cap rates over the lasts 3 years?

We asked you to refine your question above as we would have had to apply a Section 12(1) exemption as our response as it is, and confirmation was received that you refined you request to medical and AHP/HSS only.

Year of Shift Start Date Time	Amount Over NHSE Cap
2021/2022	£1,642,585
2022/2023	£1,865,090
2023/2024	£1,534,926

8. How many recruitment partners for nursing does the trust have, who are the top 5 agencies and what is the breakdown of their spend over the last 3 years?

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Section 43(2) applied, please see response to Q2.

9. What framework is utilised by the trust for the procurement of agency nurses?

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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), 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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