

FOI REF: 24/816

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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 disclose how much (total £) the trust has spent on on-framework agency, off-framework agency, and bank staff in the past four full financial years (2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24).**

In this instance, "on-framework" refers to organisations on NHS England's list of approved staffing providers. "Off-framework" refers to those who are not on this list but still provide services to trusts.

The figures should pertain to totals in each financial year and overall since 1 April 2020 (i.e., the start of the 2020/21 financial year). If possible, please also disclose:

Payroll Year	Total Spend
2020/21	£35,449,510
2021/22	£33,281,820
2022/23	£35,102,753
2023/24	£36,520,846

- A breakdown by total for all three (i.e., £2m on "on-framework", £800k for "off-framework", £1.2m for bank) in each of the four financial years; and**

Payroll Year	Off-Framework Agencies	Bank	On-Framework Agencies
2020/2021	£240,728	£9,137,257	£14,286,844
2021/2022	£20,904	£9,188,340	£12,186,475
2022/2023	£0	£10,509,585	£12,775,819
2023/2024	£95,681	£11,737,716	£12,110,673

3. If available, the top three specialties by spend in each of the four financial years (e.g., gynaecology, dermatology, cardiology).

Payroll Year	Rank	Specialty	Total Spend
2020/2021	1	Emergency medicine	£3,717,398
2020/2021	2	Anaesthesia	£1,280,265
2020/2021	3	Acute internal medicine	£1,114,171
2021/2022	1	Emergency Medicine	£3,027,575
2021/2022	2	General Internal Medicine	£1,780,179
2021/2022	3	Acute Internal Medicine	£1,193,206
2022/2023	1	Emergency Medicine	£3,040,466
2022/2023	2	General Internal Medicine	£2,391,201
2022/2023	3	Cardiology	£1,354,571
2023/2024	1	Emergency Medicine	£3,216,628
2023/2024	2	General Internal Medicine	£2,603,054
2023/2024	3	Anaesthesia	£1,225,701

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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