

FOI REF: 26/518

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

The request relates to your Trust's use of temporary staffing suppliers, with a particular focus on off-framework, non-framework and non-preferred agency usage across a range of clinical specialities.

Where possible, we would appreciate receiving the information electronically in Microsoft Excel or Word format.

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-518 Agency Staffing & Non-Framework Supplier Usage'.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information (FOI) Team
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Core Hours of Business: Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

FOI 26/518 Agency Staffing & Non-Framework Supplier Usage:

Please provide the following information for the period 1st May 2026 to 1st July 2026

Please note that Finance costs are booked each month, therefore, no financial reporting is available for a single day, such as 1st July 2026.

1) Non-Framework Agency Usage:

- a) Please confirm whether your Trust has utilised any non-framework, off-framework or non-preferred supplier agencies for: Adult RNs, RMNs, RNLDs, Paediatric Nurses, Midwives, Theatre Practitioners (Scrub / Anaesthetics / Recovery), ODPs, Chemotherapy / Oncology Nurses, Critical Care/ICU Nurses, Neonatal Nurses, ED Nurses, HCAs, Theatre Support Workers, Maternity Support Workers and Support Workers.

No.

- b) If yes, provide:

- Agency name;
- Staff group;
- Number of shifts;
- Total agency spend.

Not applicable.

2) Ward / Department Breakdown:

- Provide a breakdown by Hospital site, Ward, Department and Clinical speciality including Number of shifts, Staff group and Agency used.

Not applicable.

3) Framework Escalation:

- a) Under what circumstances are off-framework bookings authorised?

No off-framework bookings are authorised.

- b) Is approval required from Procurement, Temporary Staffing or Executive teams?

Approval needs to be provided by the Executive teams.

c) **Has this approval process changed in the last 12 months?**

No.

4) **Agency Spend:**

- **Provide framework and non-framework spend broken down by each staff group listed in Question 1.**

Please see the attached document 'FOI 26-518 Agency Staffing Q4 and Q13', for the framework spend.

Non-framework spend is £0.

5) **Top 10 Non-Framework Suppliers:**

- **Provide supplier name, total spend and number of shifts.**

Not applicable.

6) **Highest Demand Areas:**

- **Identify the ten clinical areas with the highest off-framework usage, including speciality, hospital site, shifts, staff group and spend.**

None.

7) **Unfilled Shifts:**

- **Provide total agency requests, unfilled requests, escalated to non-framework and remaining unfilled, broken down by staff group where possible.**

None.

8) **Current Temporary Staffing Arrangements:**

a) **Which staffing framework(s) are used?**

RM6281.

b) **Is there a Preferred Supplier List?**

Yes.

c) Are non-preferred suppliers permitted?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) are not currently taking on any new suppliers.

9) Managed Service Provider:

- **Confirm whether staffing is managed by NHSP, Bank Only, Master Vendor, Neutral Vendor or MSP. If applicable provide provider, contract start, expiry and extension options.**

Bank only.

10) Procurement Contacts:

- **Provide job titles only for:**

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| • Head of Procurement | Head of Procurement |
| • Temporary Staffing Lead | } Temporary Workforce and
} Volunteer Services Manager
} |
| • Bank Manager | |
| • Agency Manager | |
| • Workforce Director | Deputy Chief Executive and Chief People Officer |

11) Future Procurement:

- **Will temporary staffing arrangements be reviewed or retendered within the next 24 months? If known, provide the anticipated review date.**

No.

12) Breakdown by Clinical Speciality:

- a) **Provide non-framework/off-framework shifts by speciality: Adult Nursing, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities, Emergency Department, Critical Care/ICU, HDU, Theatre Services, ODPs, Paediatrics, Neonatal, Midwifery, Maternity Services, Chemotherapy/Oncology, Community Nursing, District Nursing, Endoscopy, Cardiology, Stroke, Outpatients, Dialysis/Renal, HCAs, Theatre Support Workers, Maternity Support Workers and Support Workers.**

None.

b) For each provide:

- **Number of shifts;**
- **Total agency spend;**
- **Number of off-framework shifts;**
- **Supplier(s);**
- **Hospital site (where available).**

Not applicable.

13) Agency Spend by Supplier:

- a) Provide supplier name,**
- b) Framework/non-framework status,**
- c) Staff groups supplied, total spend,**
- d) Total number of shifts supplied.**

Please see the attached document 'FOI 26-518 Agency Staffing Q4 and Q13', for the framework spend.

Please note the following:

- ESHT has a single expense code for Qualified Agency Nursing, so for example the following Agency nurses are all booked to the same expense code: Adult RNs, RMNs, RNLDs, Paediatric Nurses, Chemotherapy / Oncology Nurses, Critical Care/ICU Nurses, Neonatal Nurses, ED Nurses. Financial reporting is based on expense codes and cost centres. To assist an analysis of which specialty the Agency Nursing costs were booked to, based on cost centre mapping has also been provided.
- ESHT has a single expense code for Unqualified Agency Nursing, so for example the following Agency Unqualified Nurses are all booked to the same expense code: HCAs, Maternity Support Workers and Support Workers. All Unqualified Agency Nursing costs were booked to Medicine & Urgent Care specialty cost centres.

Agency Name	Staff Type	Spend 01/05/26 to 30/06/26
CROMWELL MEDICAL STAFFING	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£6,294
ID MEDICAL GROUP LIMITED	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£56,416
MEDICSPRO LTD	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£24,475
MEDICURE	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£3,171
MEDPURE LTD	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£112,206
MYLOCUM LTD	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£1,370
STAFFING PROFESSIONALS	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£13,464
TFS HEALTHCARE LIMITED	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£28,233
YOUR WORLD NURSING	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£283
YOUR WORLD RECRUITMENT LTD	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£2,263
Total	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£248,175

Specialty	Staff Type	Spend 01/05/26 to 30/06/26
Frailty	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£28,800
UCR, Acute Therapies & IMC	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£3,001
Deputy Chief Operating Officer	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£4,134
Acute Medicine	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£6,294
Cardiology	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£7,557
Emergency Care	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£108,516
Gastroenterology	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£22,466
General Medicine	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£1,792
Medicine - Escalation	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£6,338
Respiratory	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£4,206
Stroke	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£1,187
General Surgery	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£6,819
Theatres	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£14,511
Trauma & Orthopaedics	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£3,001
Urology	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£2,396
WAC - Management	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£26,472
Women's Health	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£685
Total	AGENCY NURSE - QUALIFIED	£248,175

NATIONAL LOCUMS	AGENCY NURSE - UNQUALIFIED	£17,115
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Notes

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