

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5375

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Overseas nurses.

You asked:

- 1. Was there a requirement of overseas trained nurses within the trust in last 3 years? If yes could I kindly request when and where was this requirement advertised? Is this recruitment still ongoing.*
- 2. Was a recruitment agency used to help the trust fill these requirements? if Yes kindly name those recruitment agencies with their contact details.*
- 3 How were these recruitment agencies selected? Is there a Procurement process the trust would normally use for such vacancies?*
- 4. Which were the agencies selected onto your framework to provide the recruitment services for this particular requirement.*
- 5. Were there any other recruitment agencies used outside the framework to fill those vacancy?*
- 6. If the Procurement process is used, where are such tenders published inviting bids from the bidders?*
- 7. Kindly specify when is the next lot of tenders invited for such a requirement and where would they be published for bidders to bid?*

Trust response:

1. Yes ongoing advertised on NHS Jobs and MTW website
2. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

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3 Yes tender exercise

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5. No

6. Pro contracts- www.lpppsourcing.org

7. No date set at present