

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5648

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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 Agency Staffing.

You asked:

- 1. (a) Who is the head of procurement at your trust responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?*
- (b) Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?*
- 2. Please can you provide the contact information in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)*
- 3. Please can you outline your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between April 2019 - June 2019: (a) RGN's (b) RCN's (c) RN's and (d) HealthCare Assistants (e) RMN (f) Specialist RN (ITU) (g) Medical Locums*
- 4. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between April 2019 - June 2019*
- 5. Since the start of January 2019 - present, please provide the current charge rates from your Off Framework, Nursing providers, providing a clear breakdown between the workers pay rate and agency commission*
- 6. Based on the above information, who are your current Nursing Off-Framework agencies and how many shifts have been booked for each month from January 2019 - June 2019*

Trust response:

1. a. & b. This fall under the remit of the Director of Workforce. Further details can be found on the Trust website www.mtw.nhs.uk
2. Please see above response.
3.
(a) RGN's £0

- (b) RCN's £0
- (c) RN's £77,453
- (d) HealthCare Assistants £0
- (e) RMN £0
- (f) Specialist RN (ITU) £0
- (g) Medical Locums £0

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