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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 staff transfers between hospital sites.

*How much has the trust spent on taxis ferrying staff from one hospital site to another hospital site which is experiencing staffing difficulties over the current business year and the previous four financial years?*

*How many NHS staff were transported in this way due to recruitment and staffing issues and from what sites to what sites?*

*When a decision was taken to use a taxi service to bring in extra staff, how many nurses were on shift at the destination hospital and what was the nursing/patient ratio?*

The Trust would not be able to gather any meaningful data on this - we clearly do at times of need make requests of our staff to travel one site to another – but this does not happen frequently and there is no accurate record maintained in relation to the questions asked in this request.

We are however, in the middle of implementation of a new rostering system which will facilitate easier capture and recording of staff transfers across site when this does happen.