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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 nursing shifts.

You asked:

- 1. How many agency nursing shifts have your Trust used Thornbury nursing services for in the last 30 days?*
- 2. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of shifts per ward or Departments that Thornbury filled for agency nurses in the last 30 days.*
- 3. What other nursing agencies do you use off contract/off framework?*
- 4. How many nursing shifts did other off contract agencies fill in the last 30 days?*
- 5. Are there any other services linked to your Trust that utilise TNS or any other off contract supplier re Prisons, or community based services? If so please provide a list of these services and the amount of nursing shifts filled in each over the last 30 days*

Trust response:

1. 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.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and

preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

2. The ward or Departments that Thornbury filled for agency nurses in the last 30 days are Hedgehog Ward (TW) and SCBU (TW)

3. Altrix are a non framework supplier that supply within NHSI capped rates

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5. No