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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 staff.

You asked:

Please could you advise the number of hours or shifts filled from 01th April 2018 – 31st March 2019 with qualified nursing staff within the Trust with agency staff?

Trust response:

Please see the following table. 01st April 2018 – 31st March 2019 - Shifts

Rate	April Band 5 cap or below	Feb Band 5 cap	Nov Band 5 cap	Band 6	Band 7	Other Escalated Rate	Off Framework	Main Suppliers and Fill Rate	Filled by Bank
General Days	4874	7384						**	18985
General Nights	5828	0						**	6340
A and E Days	1295	1668						**	1726
A and E Nights	1203	0						**	959
ITU Days	113	176						**	627
ITU Nights	184	0						**	295
Theatre Days	705	863						**	2460
Theatre Nights	0	0						**	0

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.

Supplier Transactions

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/