

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 6348

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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 recruitment of nurses from overseas.

You asked:

- 1. Do you currently, recruit internationally for nurses?*
- 2. Do you use an external agency/provider to facilitate this recruitment?*
- 3. What has been your expenditure for 2018/2019 on the recruitment of nurses from overseas?*
- 4. What has been your expenditure for 2019 / 2020 on the recruitment of nurses from overseas?*
- 5. Do you plan to recruit internationally for nurses during 2020?*
- 6. Do you plan to recruit internationally for nurses during 2021?*
- 7. What is the number of international nurses hired in 2019?*
- 8. What is the number of international nurses hired in the year 2020 to date?*

Trust response:

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA to further information 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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5. Yes
6. Yes
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